

REQUESTS FOR FY 2015 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

FY 2015 BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE, DEFENSE, ENERGY, HOMELAND SECURITY, THE INTERIOR, AND STATE, AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND THE COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, DC, May 1, 2014.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Budget amendments for the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Homeland Security, the Interior, and State, as well as the National Science Foundation and the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia. These amendments do not affect the proposed FY 2015 Budget totals.

These amendments are necessary to reflect correctly policies assumed in the FY 2015 Budget. The details of these amendments are set forth in the enclosure from the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

BARACK OBAMA.

Enclosure.

[Estimate No. 1, 113th Cong., 2nd Session]

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
Washington, DC, May 1, 2014.

THE PRESIDENT,
The White House.

Submitted for your consideration are amendments to your Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Budget for the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, Energy, Homeland Security, the Interior, and State, as well as the National Science Foundation and the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia. These amendments do not affect the proposed FY 2015 Budget totals. These amendments are necessary to reflect correctly policies assumed in your FY 2015 Budget.

Recommendation

I reviewed these amendments and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the heads of the affected Departments and agencies in recommending that you transmit the amendments to the Congress.

Sincerely,

BRIAN C. DEESE,
Deputy Director.

Enclosures.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

FY 2015 Budget Appendix Page: 173

FY 2015 Pending Request: —

Proposed Amendment: Language

Revised Request: —

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete “2014” and substitute *2015*.)

This amendment would revise the fiscal year referenced in the language to reflect correctly the policy assumed in the FY 2015 Budget. Without this amendment, funding for the forest roads and trails activity becoming available in FY 2015 under the Act of March 4, 1913 (16 U.S.C. 501) would not be transferred to the General Fund of the Treasury.

The proposed FY 2015 Budget totals would not be affected by this technical language amendment.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

TITLE VII—GENERAL PROVISIONS

FY 2015 Budget Appendix Page: 192

FY 2015 Pending Request: —

Proposed Amendment: Language

Revised Request: —

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete section 716 and renumber the subsequent sections accordingly.)

This amendment would remove a General Provision that was inadvertently retained in the FY 2015 Budget. Without this amendment, the Denali Commission, which is estimated to receive into its trust fund approximately \$7 million in FY 2015 in interest payments on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Liability Fund, would have access to these funds limited to a maximum of \$4 million in that year.

The proposed FY 2015 Budget totals would not be affected by this technical language amendment.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—MILITARY PROGRAMS

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

FY 2015 Budget Appendix Page: 252

FY 2015 Pending Request: —

Proposed Amendment: Language

Revised Request: —

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete the opening bracket after “2017” and insert a new opening bracket after “procurement” and before the colon.)

This amendment would reinstate language inadvertently deleted in the FY 2015 Budget that is necessary to specify that a portion of the funds is available for procurement.

The proposed FY 2015 Budget totals would not be affected by this technical language amendment.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ENERGY PROGRAMS

NUCLEAR ENERGY

FY 2015 Budget Appendix Page: 393

FY 2015 Pending Request: —

Proposed Amendment: Language

Revised Request: —

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, add the following new language after “direction” and before the period:)

including official reception and representation expenses not to exceed \$10,000

The proposed language would provide \$10,000 in reception and representation funding within the Nuclear Energy account to support the Gen IV International Forum Policy Group Meeting, a nuclear energy-specific event that will be hosted by the United States in the first quarter of FY 2016. Planning and funds obligation would need to occur in FY 2015 to support the meeting schedule.

The proposed FY 2015 Budget totals would not be affected by this technical language amendment.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

GENERAL PROVISIONS

FY 2015 Budget Appendix Page: 566

FY 2015 Pending Request: —

Proposed Amendment: Language

Revised Request: —

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, in section 543, paragraph (a)(1), delete “37” and substitute 67.)

This amendment corrects the citation to the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013. The proposed FY 2015 Budget totals would not be affected by this technical language amendment.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

INDIAN WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENTS

FY 2015 Budget Appendix Page: 653

FY 2015 Pending Request: —

Proposed Amendment: Language

Revised Request: —

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, in the second proviso delete “111–390” and substitute 110–390.)

This amendment corrects the citation to the White Mountain Apache Tribe Rural Water System Loan Authorization Act. The proposed FY 2015 Budget totals would not be affected by this technical language amendment.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION

OPERATION OF INDIAN PROGRAMS

FY 2015 Budget Appendix Page: 692

FY 2015 Pending Request: —

Proposed Amendment: Language

Revised Request: —

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, in the fifth proviso delete “2013” and substitute *2014*.)

This amendment would revise the fiscal year referenced in the language. Without this amendment, funds would be prohibited from being spent in FY 2015.

The proposed FY 2015 Budget totals would not be affected by this technical language amendment.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

GENERAL PROVISIONS

FY 2015 Budget Appendix Page: 732

FY 2015 Pending Request: —

Proposed Amendment: Language

Revised Request: —

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, add at the end the following new section:)

REAUTHORIZE THE FOREST ECOSYSTEM HEALTH AND RECOVERY FUND

SEC. 421. Provided further, That the language under the heading “Forest Ecosystem Health and Recovery Fund” in the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (Public Law 111–88) is amended by striking “2015” each place it appears and inserting “2020”.

This amendment would extend from FY 2015 to FY 2020 the authority for the Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Forest Ecosystem Health and Recovery Fund to initiate forest ecosystem health and recovery projects, such as release from competing vegetation and density control treatments. The reauthorization allows receipts derived from these activities to be deposited back to the Fund and makes the receipts available for those purposes. If the authority were to lapse in FY 2015, the scope of the permanent authority from the FY 1993 Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (Public Law 102–381) would only permit BLM to plan and prepare salvage timber sales and to complete subsequent site reforestation.

The proposed FY 2015 Budget totals would not be affected by this technical language amendment.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

GENERAL PROVISIONS

FY 2015 Budget Appendix Page: 938

FY 2015 Pending Request: —

Proposed Amendment: Language

Revised Request: —

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, in section 7062, after “\$160,000,000” insert *of unobligated balances*; after “under” insert *titles I, III, and IV of*; and after “title I of this Act” insert *no later than the end of the fifth fiscal year after the last fiscal year for which such funds were made available.*)

This amendment would revise the special transfer language relating to Contributions to International Organizations that was included in the FY 2015 Budget to allow the appropriations provided in FY 2015 to be utilized more fully. The proposed language prospectively permits the capture of expired unobligated balances of FY 2015 appropriations prior to cancellation when it is certain that the original obligations will have been fully paid and closed out. This language would reflect more accurately the intent to associate accrued costs of U.S. membership in international organizations to the relevant fiscal year. This would be applicable in cases where U.S. financial participation is restricted.

The proposed FY 2015 Budget totals would not be affected by this technical language amendment.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

AGENCY OPERATIONS AND AWARD MANAGEMENT

FY 2015 Budget Appendix Page: 1218

FY 2015 Pending Request: —

Proposed Amendment: Language

Revised Request: —

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, add the following new proviso before the period:)

: Provided further, That, of the amount provided for costs associated with the acquisition, occupancy, and related costs of new headquarters space, not more than \$27,370,000 shall remain available until expended

This amendment would provide the National Science Foundation flexibility to implement its headquarters relocation and is similar to authority the agency possesses for other major projects.

The proposed FY 2015 Budget totals would not be affected by this technical language amendment.

COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FEDERAL PAYMENT TO THE COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

FY 2015 Budget Appendix Page: 1281

FY 2015 Pending Request: —

Proposed Amendment: Language

Revised Request: —

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, after “2002;” insert the following new language:)

of which \$6,990,000, to remain available until September 30, 2017, is for relocation of an offender supervision field office;

This amendment would modify the appropriations language to make \$6.99 million from the requested budget authority available for a three-year period, to be used only for the relocation expenses of an offender supervision field office. Subsequent to transmittal of the FY 2015 Budget, the agency learned from the General Services Administration that the relocation and expansion of the field office may not occur in FY 2015 as originally planned.

The proposed FY 2015 Budget totals would not be affected by this technical language amendment.