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**Subject: Update on Key Appropriations Issues**

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**Summary:** This is good news. A Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep the government operating after September 30 has passed the House; short term extensions of the PreDisaster Mitigation Program and the National Flood Insurance Program are included in the CR; and a House/Senate issue that was holding up conference on the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations and other bills has been resolved. A conference is expected next week on the DHS bill.

## **Continuing Resolution (CR)**

### **Stop Gap funding**

- At this time, action has not been completed on any of the FY 2010 Appropriations bills for Federal agencies. To keep the government running after September 30, a stop gap measure called a Continuing Resolution is necessary.
- A Continuing Resolution for FY 2010 to continue programs until October 31, 2009 is included in the Conference Report on the Legislative Branch Appropriations bill. (HR 2918) The Conference Report was approved on the House Floor this morning. Currently the Senate is expected to consider it on September 29.
- Under the CR, funding will continue at FY 2009 levels for most programs in the FY 2009 Appropriations Acts until action is complete on the individual appropriations bills.

### **Extension of Authorizations for Expiring Programs in the CR**

- **Extends FEMA's Predisaster Mitigation Program** through October 31, 2009. (Bill language--*Sec. 132. Section 203(m) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (43 U.S.C. 5133(m) shall be applied by substituting the date specified in section 106(3) of the joint resolution for September 30, 2009)*)
- **Extends FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program** through October 31, 2009. (*Sec. 129. Sections 1309(a) and 1319 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C 4016a and 4026) shall each be applied by substituting the date specified in section 106(3) of this joint resolution for "September 30, 2009."*)

## **FY 2010 Appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security.**

- Bill is awaiting conference and the current expectation is for the Conference between House and Senate to be next week. I will keep you advised.
- House and Senate staff have been having discussions.
- However, an issue between the House and Senate on how to treat earmarks for “for profit” entities in all the appropriations bills had appointment of House conferees and scheduling conferences on hold. The House wanted all for profit earmarks to be competitively bid. House Appropriations Chairman Obey announced today that a resolution had been reached and House and Senate Appropriations would move forward on conferences.
- The conference on the Appropriations Bill for Energy and Water has been scheduled for Tuesday. DHS is expected to not be far behind. .