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National Weather Service Employees Organization

FY 16 Omnibus Bill to Increase Funding for NWS Supports ITO Position

(December 16, 2015) The final version of the FY 16 Omnibus Appropriation Act will increase funding for NWS operations by 25 million (or 2.6%) over the amount requested by the Administration, and by nearly \$35 million (or 3.6%) over the agency's FY 15 appropriations. The total amount appropriated for NWS operations, research and facilities will be \$989 million. The House and Senate conferees have approved the President's request for \$135 million for NWS procurement, acquisition and construction. The total amount approved for the NWS for fiscal year 2016 is \$1,124,149. Congress is expected to give final approval to the omnibus appropriations bill this Friday.

- The appropriations bill has disapproved the Administration's request to eliminate the Information Technology Officers at the 122 NWS forecast offices for the fourth year in a row.
- The omnibus appropriations bill will cut funding for NOAA overall by \$276 million, or 4.6%, below that requested by the Administration.

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