BACKGROUND: The FY 2022 President’s Budget requests $13.10 billion for the Coast Guard, including $10.91 billion in discretionary funding. Critical investments to support the mission ready total workforce, modernize and sustain operational capability, and improve information technology (IT) reliability and performance build on previous funding to address Coast Guard readiness challenges. The Budget also supports the Service’s highest acquisition priorities—Polar Security Cutter (PSC) and the Offshore Patrol Cutter (OPC)—and continues recapitalization efforts for capital assets and infrastructure.

BUDGET PRIORITIES:

- **Restore Readiness**— The Coast Guard must maintain momentum to restore Service readiness. More than ever, the Nation needs a ready Coast Guard with the tools and support systems necessary to operate in the increasingly complex, interconnected, and technologically advanced maritime domain.

- **Recapitalize Legacy Assets and Infrastructure**— The Coast Guard is in the midst of the largest recapitalization effort in its history—an effort critical to building the Coast Guard the Nation needs. However, until recapitalization is fully completed, service members must continue to conduct missions with legacy assets, some of which are over 50 years old.

The FY 2022 Budget requests $9.02 billion for Operations and Support (O&S) and $1.64 billion for Procurement, Construction and Improvements (PC&I). Budget highlights include:

**RESTORE READINESS (O&S):**

- **Support the Mission Ready Total Workforce**
  - $127 million for requisite military pay and allowances per National Defense Authorization Act requirements, maintaining parity with the military branches within the Department of Defense, and $43 million for civilian pay and benefits (O&S).
  - $44 million for workforce readiness, including recruiting, retention, diversity and inclusion, training, and healthcare (O&S).

- **Modernize and Sustain Operational Capability**
  - $194 million to address Coast Guard depot maintenance backlogs, including: $97 million for fixed and rotary-wing aircraft maintenance and critical parts; $60 million for vessel deferred maintenance and shore-side support personnel; and $37 million for shore infrastructure depot maintenance backlogs and divestiture of excess real property.
  - $93 million for new assets including: operations and maintenance (O&M) funds for Fast Response Cutters (FRCs) #47-51 and OPC #1; crews for FRCs #49-54, OPC #2, and NSC #10; shoreside personnel and support for FRCs #48-53 and OPC #1; support for NSC capabilities, including tactical cryptology and small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS); crew and O&M for three HC-130Js; O&M for a new C-37 Long Range Command and Control Aircraft; and funds to operate and maintain new and improved facilities at Air Station Ventura, California; the first OPC homeport in San Pedro, California; a new aircraft simulator building at Aviation Training Center Mobile, Alabama; and family housing in Perry, Maine.
  - $23 million to transition Air Station New Orleans, Louisiana from MH-65 to MH-60 helicopters and crew and O&M of MH-60T hull #49 to continue the Coast Guard’s efforts to transition to a single-frame helicopter fleet.

- **Improve C5I Reliability and Performance**
  - $54 million to address critical shortfalls in the Coast Guard’s IT hardware and infrastructure.
  - $22 million to transition to modern software and provide mobile solutions for the workforce.
  - $17 million for improved cyber hardening to ensure resilience, reliability, and integrity of Coast Guard IT networks.

**RECAPITALIZE LEGACY ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE (PC&I):**

- $1 billion for vessels, including: $597 million for the construction of OPC #4 as well as long lead time materials for OPC #5; $170 million for PSC including project management for the construction of PSCs #1-2 and initial long lead time materials for PSC #3; $78 million for post-delivery activities for National Security Cutters (NSCs) #10-11; and $67 million for the Waterways Commerce Cutter (WCC) initial detail design and construction contract award.

- $280 million for shore infrastructure improvements to support new acquisitions and the execution of Coast Guard operations including: PSC homeport in Seattle, Washington; recruit barracks at Training Center Cape May, New Jersey; continued buildout of the consolidated operational base in Charleston, South Carolina; and other infrastructure repairs and upgrades.

- $222 million to recapitalize and sustain fixed and rotary-wing aircraft including: sustainment of the current MH-60T helicopter fleet and initial funding for fleet expansion; modernization and sustainment of MH-65 helicopters to extend service lift into the 2030s; and continued missionization of HC-27J medium-range surveillance aircraft.