

## **U.S. Coast Guard Fact Sheet**

## Fiscal Year 2014 President's Budget

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**BACKGROUND:** The FY 2014 President's Budget requests **\$9.79 billion** for the Coast Guard, including **\$7.9 billion** in discretionary funding. This Budget allocates available resources to address today's greatest maritime safety and security needs, while making the necessary investment in new cutters and boats, and sustainment of aircraft, systems, and infrastructure necessary to ensure the Coast Guard can continue to serve the Nation well into the future.

## **KEY POINTS:**

- > Provides \$909 million to Build Essential Coast Guard Capability for the Nation. Investment in recapitalization remains a top budget priority in FY 2014.
- > Strengthens Resource and Operational Stewardship through administrative and programmatic reductions to improve efficiency and service delivery, while continuing investment in Coast Guard activities that provide the highest return on investment.
- > Funds current services requirements to *Sustain the Most Critical Front-Line Operations*, including resources to operate and maintain new assets, and funding for personnel pay and benefit increases.
- > The Coast Guard will direct resources to highest risk missions to *Protect those on the sea*, *Protect the Nation from threats delivered by the sea*, and *Protect the sea itself*.

## <u>BUILD ESSENTIAL COAST GUARD CAPABILITY FOR THE NATION:</u> The budget requests \$909 million for *Acquisition, Construction and Improvements* (AC&I). Highlights include:

- > \$743 million for vessels including National Security Cutter NSC-7; two Fast Response Cutters (FRC); Offshore Patrol Cutter (OPC) acquisition; In-Service Vessel Sustainment including sustainment of a 140-ft domestic icebreaker.
- > \$28 million for H-65 helicopter enhancements/upgrades and Avionics upgrades for C-130 H.
- > \$60 million for other projects, including C4ISR systems; Nationwide Automatic Identification System; and CG-Logistics Information Management System.

**STRENGTHEN RESOURCE AND OPERATIONAL STEWARDSHIP:** The FY 2014 budget proposes administrative and programmatic reductions to improve efficiency and service delivery, while continuing investment in Coast Guard activities that provide the highest return on investment. Highlights include:

- > Decommission two High Endurance Cutters. These assets are being replaced by new, more capable NSCs.
- > Reductions in training programs commensurate with the projected decreases in the size of the future workforce.
- > Retire the last eight HU-25 aircraft that are being replaced by new HC-144A aircraft, retire two HC-130Hs, and close two Seasonal Air Facilities.
- > Implement \$32.4 million in enterprise-wide efficiencies and \$56.3 million in targeted programmatic reductions.
- > Redirects \$26.5 million in Reserve Training funding to sustain higher priority frontline operations.

<u>SUSTAIN THE MOST CRITICAL FRONT-LINE OPERATIONS:</u> The budget requests **\$6.79 billion** to operate and maintain Coast Guard assets and sustain essential front-line operations.

- > \$89 million to fund increases for civilian pay, and maintain parity of military pay, allowances and health care with DoD Services.
- > \$77 million to reflect the new-starts and annualizations of critical investments and programs initiated in FY 2013.
- ▶ \$65 million to operate new assets and infrastructure (e.g., NSC-4, HC-144As, FRC, RB-M, Rescue 21), and transition of Air Station Corpus Christi from HU-25 aircraft to HC-144A aircraft.