



U.S. Coast Guard Fact Sheet

Fiscal Year 2015 President's Budget

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BACKGROUND: The FY 2015 President's Budget requests **\$9.8 billion** for the Coast Guard, including **\$8.13 billion** in discretionary funding. This Budget preserves today's critical front-line operations and invests in tomorrow's Coast Guard by continuing recapitalization for new cutters, boats, aircraft, systems and infrastructure. In 2015, the Coast Guard will implement efficiencies and better business practices, overlaid with a near and long-term operational assessment that strategically allocates resources to optimize mission performance, both now and into the future.

KEY POINTS:

- Provides **\$1.08 billion** to *Invest in Long-term Operational Capacity*. Investment in recapitalization continues to be a top budget priority in FY 2015.
- *Strengthens Resource and Operational Stewardship* through administrative, support, and sound operational reductions and focuses Coast Guard resources and capabilities on the Nation's highest priorities.
- Funds current services requirements to *Preserve 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*.

INVEST IN LONG-TERM OPERATIONAL CAPACITY: The budget requests **\$1.08 billion** for *Acquisition, Construction and Improvements (AC&I)*. Notably:

- **\$803 million** for vessels, including the eighth National Security Cutter (NSC-8); two Fast Response Cutters (FRC); Offshore Patrol Cutter (OPC) Preliminary and Contract Design evaluation; In-Service Vessel Sustainment that continues sustainment of the 140-ft domestic icebreaker fleet.
- **\$68 million** for aircraft, including H-65 helicopter enhancements/upgrades; continued support of the HC-27J Asset Project Office (APO), and missionization of the eighteenth HC-144A fixed wing aircraft.
- **\$40.6 million** for shore and aids to navigation projects, including pier and infrastructure improvements to support FRC homeport at Coast Guard Base Los Angeles/Long Beach.

STRENGTHEN RESOURCE AND OPERATIONAL STEWARDSHIP: The FY 2015 budget proposes administrative, support, and operational reductions and focuses Coast Guard resources and capabilities on the Nation's highest priorities. Notably:

- Decommissions two High Endurance Cutters and eight Island Class Patrol Boats. These assets are being replaced by new, more capable NSCs and FRCs.
- Retires three HC-130Hs; transfers them to DoD for reconditioning for transfer to the Forest Service per the 2014 National Defense Authorization Act. Under the same Act, the Coast Guard received 14 new C-27J aircraft.
- Implements **\$62.9 million** in enterprise-wide efficiencies and **\$43.5 million** in other operational adjustments.
- Redirects **\$10.5 million** in Reserve Training funding to sustain higher priority frontline operations.

PRESERVE CRITICAL FRONT-LINE OPERATIONS: The budget requests **\$6.75 billion** to operate and maintain Coast Guard assets and sustain essential front-line operations.

- **\$83 million** to fund increases for civilian pay and retirement contribution, and maintain parity with DoD Services for military pay, allowances and health care.
- **\$72 million** to operate new assets and infrastructure (e.g., NSC-5 and shore-side support for the Charleston, SC homeport, HC-144A, FRCs and shore-side support for San Juan, PR homeport, RB-M, Rescue 21).
- **\$51 million** to reflect the annualizations of critical investments and programs initiated in FY 2014.