



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Department of Commerce (Commerce) is responsible for: promoting job creation; supporting and overseeing international trade; and providing economic, environmental, and scientific information needed by businesses, citizens, and governments. The President's 2024 Budget for Commerce supports American manufacturing, invests in critical economic development programs, supports minority-owned businesses, and supports the next generation of weather satellites.

The Budget requests \$12.3 billion in discretionary budget authority for 2024, a \$1.3 billion or 11-percent increase above the 2023 enacted level. Resources provided through the 2024 Budget complement investments in high-speed Internet access and climate resilience provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, as well as significant investments to revitalize the domestic semiconductor industry provided by the CHIPS and Science Act, and additional support for climate resilience and science provided by the Inflation Reduction Act.

The President's 2024 Budget:

- **Invests in American Manufacturing.** To build on the ongoing resurgence of American manufacturing, the Budget provides \$375 million for the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Industrial Technology Services, a \$163 million increase above the 2023 enacted level. This includes \$98 million for Manufacturing USA to support the progress of NIST's existing manufacturing institute, funding for a new institute to be launched in 2023, and \$60 million to be awarded competitively across the Government-wide network of manufacturing institutes to promote domestic production of institute-developed technologies. The Budget also includes \$277 million, a \$102 million increase over the 2023 enacted level, for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, a public-private partnership with centers in every State that offers advisory services to an increasingly diverse set of small and medium enterprises so they can thrive in the global economy.
- **Promotes American Leadership in Inclusive Technological Development and Innovation.** The Budget includes \$4 billion in mandatory funds for the Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program to build on the one-time \$500 million provided in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. The Budget also includes \$50 million in discretionary funding to continue to grow foundational resources for these purposes. This funding would enable EDA to establish cutting-edge and strategic regional technology hubs that foster the geographic diversity of innovation and create quality jobs in underserved and vulnerable communities across the Nation.
- **Advances Climate Science.** The Budget continues to strongly support the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) climate research, which underpins

critical science-based resilience and adaptation efforts across the Nation. The Budget includes \$231 million for NOAA's climate research programs, a \$7 million increase above the 2023 enacted level. These funds would help support the ongoing work of the National Climate Assessment and continue high-priority long-term observing, monitoring, research, and modeling activities.

- **Modernizes Research Facilities.** The Budget invests in the fundamental infrastructure that makes science possible. The Budget provides \$262 million for maintenance, renovations, and improvements at the NIST research campuses, a \$132 million increase above the 2023 enacted level. The Budget also provides \$8 million to upgrade facilities at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's field-testing site in order to support advanced research and more efficient use of the radio frequency spectrum.
- **Advances the Next Generation of Weather Satellites.** The Budget provides \$2.1 billion for weather satellites, a \$371 million increase from the 2023 enacted level, to maintain the existing fleet of satellites critical for extreme weather forecasts and invest in next generation systems that would provide more accurate forecasts and outlooks and new environmental monitoring capabilities.
- **Supports Offshore Wind Energy.** The Budget provides \$60 million to expand offshore wind permitting activities at NOAA, a \$39 million increase above the 2023 enacted level. This would allow NOAA to use the best available science to help meet the goal of deploying 30 gigawatts of offshore energy by 2030 while protecting biodiversity and promoting sustainable ocean co-use.
- **Conserves and Protects High-Priority Natural Resources.** The Budget provides \$87 million to support National Marine Sanctuaries and Marine Protected Areas as part of the Administration's America the Beautiful Initiative, which aims to conserve at least 30 percent of U.S. lands and waters by 2030. This level of funding is a \$19 million increase above the 2023 enacted level and would expand critical conservation work and support the designation process for additional sanctuaries. In addition, the Administration is leading an effort to support development of a long-term strategy to restore Columbia River Basin salmon and steelhead that honors U.S. commitments to tribal nations and balances the priorities of stakeholders, such as fishing and farming communities.
- **Supports Minority-Owned Business to Narrow Racial Wealth Gaps.** The Budget increases the capacity of the Minority Business Development Agency by providing the full \$110 million authorized in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which would bolster services provided to minority-owned, including women of color-owned, enterprises by expanding the Business Center program, funding Rural Business Centers, opening new regional offices, and supporting innovative initiatives to foster economic resiliency.
- **Promotes Locally-Driven Strategies to Address Economic Distress.** The Budget provides \$200 million for EDA to continue the Recompete Pilot Program, which provides flexible, place-based funding to communities working to reduce economic distress and prime-age employment gaps by creating good-paying jobs. The Budget also provides \$100 million for the Good Jobs Challenge to fund high-quality, locally-led workforce systems that expand career opportunities for hard-working Americans.
- **Invests in Indigenous Communities.** The Budget provides \$20 million at EDA to establish a grant program focused exclusively on the economic development needs of tribal governments and indigenous communities. This new program underscores the Administration's

commitment to indigenous communities and builds on the \$100 million provided through the American Rescue Plan.

- **Improves Economic Statistics.** The Budget includes investments at the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) that would expand understanding of post-secondary employment outcomes, use new data sources to improve measures of population health, improve data about Puerto Rico's people and economy, and fund research on environmental-economic statistics. The Budget provides \$154 million for BEA, a \$24 million increase from the 2023 enacted level, and provides \$1.6 billion for the Census Bureau, a \$121 million increase from the 2023 enacted level.
- **Protects Critical and Emerging Technology.** The Budget provides \$222 million to the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS). These resources would help BIS expand capacity for export enforcement domestically and overseas, bolster technical capacity to identify critical and emerging technologies eligible for export control, evaluate the effectiveness of export controls, and increase regional expertise to enhance cooperation on export controls with allies and partners.

