



DEPARTMENT *of* COMMERCE

The Budget fosters economic growth and promotes U.S. economic competitiveness by ensuring fair and reciprocal trade, providing data necessary to support commerce, and protecting intellectual property to allow U.S. businesses to thrive. The Budget puts America's economy first by enforcing the President's trade policies and refocusing the Department on core responsibilities, while eliminating bloated, wasteful, and woke spending.

The Budget requests \$9.2 billion in discretionary budget authority for the Department of Commerce for 2027, a \$1.3 billion or 12.2-percent decrease from the 2026 enacted level.

THE PRESIDENT'S 2027 BUDGET:

Investments

- **Bolsters Trade Enforcement and Drives Investment in U.S. Business (+\$110 million).** The Budget includes a \$10 million increase above the 2026 enacted level for trade enforcement at the International Trade Administration (ITA). These funds would advance the President's America First Trade Policy that is holding trade cheats accountable and finally putting American businesses and workers first. The Budget also includes \$100 million to bolster the Department's efforts under Executive Order (E.O.) 14255, "Establishing the United States Investment Accelerator." The U.S. Investment Accelerator would fast-track trillions in investments in the United States, creating American jobs and strengthening the manufacturing and defense industrial base, which previous administrations allowed to wither away.
- **Protects U.S. Innovation and National Security (+\$215 million).** The Budget includes a \$215 million increase to the Bureau of Industry and Security above the 2026 enacted level, a historic investment that would support the hiring of hundreds of new Special Agent law enforcement officers to address the theft of American innovation by malign actors. This investment, the largest in the bureau's history, would also significantly bolster its ability to carry out Section 232 investigations to assess the risks to national security posed by imports across a number of critical sectors.
- **Supports American Maritime Dominance (+\$135 million).** The Budget includes a \$135 million increase above the 2026 enacted level for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) shipbuilding and unmanned systems (UxS) programs. This investment would allow NOAA to accelerate

procurement of new vessel and UxS platforms that would improve the scope and reliability of NOAA data that supports a range of activities—from fisheries management to ocean exploration. This additional funding would support several maritime priorities as laid out in: E.O. 14276, “Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness”; E.O. 14269, “Restoring America’s Maritime Dominance”; and E.O. 14285, “Unleashing America’s Offshore Critical Minerals and Resources.”

- **Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA) Permitting.** For too long, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service within the Department of the Interior (DOI) and NOAA have jointly administered the ESA and MMPA, a process which has persistently created unnecessary red tape, increased costs, delayed approvals, and produced inconsistent outcomes for permittees. The Budget consolidates and streamlines the regulatory oversight of these two permitting programs into a single program at DOI, ensuring a consistent approach to the management of protected species. This important change would allow NOAA to refocus on management of commercial and recreational fisheries.

Program Cuts and Eliminations

- **Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) (–\$47 million).** The Budget eliminates MBDA, which promotes certain activities that violate the Civil Rights Act of 1964. In 2024, a U.S. District Court found MBDA’s presumption of “social disadvantage based on race or ethnicity” in its funding decisions to be unconstitutional. Divisive and discriminatory diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) practices are the core mission of MBDA, which is why the Budget eliminates the Agency. MBDA has funded many divisive and discriminatory projects including:
 - o Explicitly limiting award eligibility on the basis of race and ethnicity, only supporting businesses owned by designated “minority” groups;
 - o The Minority Business Enterprise Equity Multiplier Project, a DEI initiative that incentivizes financial institutions to discriminate based on race and gender; and
 - o \$3 million to a national Black Lives Matter organization, a massively fraudulent organization whose president declared that antifa rioters during the summer of 2020 riots were “White Supremacists” and “Russians” in disguise.
- **Economic Development Administration (EDA) (–\$449 million).** The Budget saves the taxpayer nearly half a billion dollars by cancelling EDA programs that are not only wasteful, but also operate as spending earmarks for political pet projects and subsidies for leftist ideologues who promote “racial equity” and the Green New Scam. EDA has funded projects such as:
 - o Constructing a multi-million dollar performance and dance building in Santa Cruz, California, one of the richest cities in the Nation;
 - o Renovating a barn in Vermont to serve as a “mother tree” institution for the community by hosting weddings and art workshops;
 - o \$6 million to Building Bridges Across the River, intended for the 11th Street Bridge Park in Washington, D.C., which “emphasized equity throughout the planning process” and “devised an equitable development plan.”
- **NOAA—Operations, Research, and Grants (–\$1.6 billion).** The Budget terminates a variety of Green New Scam programs at NOAA. For example, NOAA’s educational grant programs have consistently funded efforts to radicalize students against markets, promote DEI, and spread baseless environmental alarm. NOAA also funded organizations such as the Ocean Conservancy and One Cool Earth that push agendas harmful to America’s fishing industries. These NOAA grants funded:

- o George Mason University’s “Policy Experience in Equity Climate and Health” fellowship;
 - o A workshop for “transgender women, and those who identify as non-binary”;
 - o NOAA Climate Adaptation Partnerships, which funded webinars that promoted a children’s book “designed to foster conversations about climate anxiety” as therapy; and
 - o Various climate resilience and habitat grants that are inappropriately focused on DEI, workforce development, and education programs that promote climate extremism in local schools.
- **National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) (–\$993 million).** The Budget slashes wasteful spending at NIST that has long funded awards for the development of curricula that advance a radical climate agenda. NIST’s Circular Economy Program exploited grants to universities to push environmental alarmism. The Budget also eliminates the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, an underperforming and unnecessary program that has failed to accelerate America’s manufacturers’ ability to compete in the 21st Century and instead turned its attention to promoting DEI as a solution to the decline in American manufacturing. For example, NIST gave grants and awards to:
 - o Train Native American community college instructors about clean energy electrification using a program intended to advance semiconductor technology;
 - o Give African American or Black, “LatinX,” and Native American college students all-expenses paid trips to gain an “inside track” into biopharma careers; and
 - o The University of Vermont to enable the development of equitable climate adaptation plans.
- **ITA—Global Markets (–\$150 million).** The Budget reins in a sprawling and ineffective trade bureaucracy that has put America last. By reducing posts in low-value markets, the Budget refocuses ITA’s footprint to support the President’s America First Trade Policy. The Biden Administration had allowed American economic leadership to atrophy and instead focused on woke and meaningless initiatives such as:
 - o The “Global Diversity Export Initiative” which prioritized “traditionally underserved exporters” including urban communities and “LGBTQI+” businesses; and
 - o The “U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service Pilot Fellowship Program” which limited outreach to “persons who face discrimination based on pregnancy,” “individuals with limited English proficiency,” “immigrants,” and those with “former incarceration.”
- **National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) (–\$2.2 billion).** The Budget proposes to cancel funding for NTIA’s Digital Equity program that the statute requires, and the Biden Administration planned to, unconstitutionally award based on race. After taking office, the President announced, “The Digital Equity Program is a RACIST and ILLEGAL \$2.5 BILLION DOLLAR giveaway. I am ending this IMMEDIATELY.” Prior to the President terminating the program, grants were planned for:
 - o Explicitly prioritizing members of racial and ethnic minority groups, people who do not speak English, and people incarcerated in non-Federal correctional facilities. 🗿

