



## NORTHERN BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION SUPPORT FUNDING IN THE FY2016 APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS

**ACTION NEEDED:** Urge your members of Congress, especially those serving on the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, to support funding for the Northern Border Regional Commission's (NBRC) community and economic development programs at the president's fiscal year (FY) 2016 recommended level of \$5 million as part of a final FY2016 Energy and Water Development Appropriations measure. NBRC resources are used for transportation and basic infrastructure, job skills training and entrepreneurial development, comprehensive strategy development, advanced technologies and telecommunications, and sustainable energy solutions in the most severely distressed portions of the Northeastern United States.

**BACKGROUND:** The Northern Border Regional Commission was first authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill (P.L. 110-627) to help address community and economic development needs within the northern portions of the four-state region of Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. This federal-state regional commission was established to leverage the public, private, and philanthropic resources needed to develop and sustain the community building blocks for economic competitiveness and development in the region. NBRC is composed of a federal co-chair, who is appointed by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate, along with the governors of each state in the region.

**LATEST ACTION:** The FY2015 omnibus appropriations bill (P.L. 113-35), enacted in December 2014, provides \$5 million for NBRC, level with the FY2014 amount.

On February 2, the president released his FY2016 budget proposal, which includes \$5 million for NBRC, level with the FY2014 and FY2015 enacted amounts.

In February 2014, the 2014 Farm Bill was signed into law. NBRC was reauthorized at \$30 million annually through September 30, 2018.

**AREA COVERED:** Portions of the four-state region of Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. NBRC counties in these states include:

- **Maine** – Androscoggin, Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, and Washington
- **New Hampshire** – Carroll, Coos, Grafton, and Sullivan
- **New York** – Cayuga, Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Oswego, Seneca, and St. Lawrence
- **Vermont** – Caledonia, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, and Orleans

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For a list of members of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, see reverse.

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