



## **SOUTHEAST CRESCENT 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 Southeast Crescent Regional Commission's community and economic development programs at the president's fiscal year (FY) 2016 recommended level of \$250,000 as part of a final FY2016 Energy and Water Development Appropriations measure. The commission's 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 within the most severely distressed portions of the Southeastern United States.

**BACKGROUND:** The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission was first authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill (P.L. 110-627) to help address the community and economic development within the seven-state region of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. This new federal-state regional commission, which is modeled after the Appalachian Regional Commission, targets new resources to promote wealth generation and economic growth strategies in the region. It 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 \$250,000 for the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission, level with the FY2014 amount.

On March 2, the president released his FY2016 budget proposal, which includes \$250,000 for the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission, level with the FY2014 and FY2015 enacted amounts.

In February 2014, the 2014 Farm Bill was signed into law. The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission was reauthorized at \$30 million annually through September 30, 2018.

**AREA COVERED:** All counties in the seven state region of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia that are not already served by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) or Delta Regional Authority (DRA). If a county is eligible for assistance under more than one commission, it must choose which regional commission it will receive assistance from. No county may receive assistance from more than one federal-state regional commission. In addition, the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission is required to review each county in the region and identify those that are distressed, transitional and attainment, as well as isolated areas of distress.

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

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