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Final FY 2013 Spending Measure Includes Funding Cuts to GPS Program

On March 26, President Obama signed the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013 (P.L. 113-6), an omnibus spending measure that includes funding for the GPS program. The act provides a total of \$1.2322 billion in Air Force funds for GPS procurement and development, minus a 0.1% rescission and a further reduction based on the President's sequestration order (cutting 7.8% from all non-exempt defense discretionary accounts). For additional funding details, visit www.gps.gov/policy/funding/2013.

FY 2013 Line Item	President's Budget Request	Original House Mark (H.R. 5856)	Senate Committee Mark (H.R. 5856)	Enacted, Pre- Adjusted (H.R. 933)
Procurement: GPS IIF Satellites	\$58.147M	\$48.147M	\$58.147M	\$48.147M
Procurement: GPS III Satellites	\$492.91M	\$492.910M	\$492.921M	\$492.910M
Procurement: Ground Segment Equipment	\$7.741M	\$7.741M	\$7.741M	\$7.741M
Development: Control Segment	\$14.335M	\$14.335M	\$14.335M	\$14.335M
Development: GPS III Satellites	\$318.992M	\$318.992M	\$318.992M	\$318.992M
Development: Next Generation Operational Control System	\$371.595M	\$333.295M	\$370.095M	\$350.095M
TOTAL	\$1.2637B	\$1.2154B	\$1.2622B	\$1.2322B

Sen. Schumer, DOT Promote Safe Use of GPS in Commercial Trucks and Buses

On March 11, Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced new efforts to prevent accidents caused by the improper use of consumer-



grade navigation devices in trucks and buses. The FMCSA issued instructional material to operators regarding the proper use of GPS systems in commercial vehicles. Sen. Schumer pushed for the FMCSA to require GPS training for new operators seeking commercial-driver certification. To learn more, visit www.gps.gov/news/2013/03/visorcard.

Next-Generation GPS Satellite Hits Production Milestone

Lockheed Martin successfully powered-up the first GPS III spacecraft at its GPS Processing Facility in Waterton Canyon, Colorado, last month. By reaching this milestone, the company expects to deliver the first GPS III satellite to the Air Force next year. Also in February, the Air Force awarded the company contracts for long-lead items to be used on GPS III satellites 5 through 8. GPS III will provide more powerful signals in addition to enhanced signal reliability, accuracy, and integrity -- all of which will improve positioning, navigation, and timing services. Learn more about the GPS modernization program at www.gps.gov/systems/gps/modernization.



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