Information for Policymakers from the National Coordination Office for Space-Based Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT)

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# House Appropriators Cut Nearly \$50M from FY 2013 GPS Program Budget Request

The House Appropriations Committee passed its defense spending bill on May 17, cutting FY 2013 funds from the GPS next-generation operational control system (OCX) by \$38.3 million and \$10 million from the current GPS IIF satellite buy. For additional details, visit <u>http://www.gps.gov/policy/funding/2013/</u>.

FY 2012 Line Item	Request	Committee Mark	Difference
Procurement: GPS IIF Satellites	\$58.147 million	\$48.147 million	-\$10 million
Procurement: GPS III Satellites	\$492.910 million	\$492.910 million	0
Procurement: Ground Segment Equipment	\$7.741 million	\$7.741 million	0
Development: GPS IIF and Control Segment	\$14.335 million	\$14.335 million	0
Development: GPS III Satellites	\$318.992 million	\$318.992 million	0
Development: Next Gen. Operational Control System	\$371.595 million	\$333.295 million	-\$38.3 million
TOTAL	\$1.2637 billion	\$1.2154 billion	-\$48.3 million

# Authorizers Provide Funding Guidance for GPS Program

On May 18, the House of Representatives passed its version of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (H.R. 4310). House authorizers recommended full funding for every Air Force line item in the GPS budget except OCX, which they cut by \$1.5 million.

The Senate authorizers marked up their version of the bill on May 23, but their specific marks have not yet been published.

### **New Reporting Requirements Proposed**

H.R. 4310 calls for a report and exercise plan on the military's readiness to operate in environments where GPS and other information systems are denied. The House report language also directs the Air Force to review "lower-cost solutions for providing GPS capability following the procurement of the GPS III satellites." For more information, visit http://www.gps.gov/policy/funding/2013/.

# PNT Office to Exhibit at May 31 Hill Event on GPS Modernization

Members and staff will have an opportunity to learn about the GPS program at an educational forum on May 31 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the Rayburn foyer.

Exhibits and models will demonstrate the GPS modernization initiative, including GPS III satellites, OCX, and military user equipment. Represen-



tatives from the agriculture, energy, finance, recreation, and transportation sectors will highlight the advantages of GPS to their industries. The government's National Coordination Office for Space-Based PNT and NASA will also provide displays.

Reps. Ed Perlmutter (D-CO) and Pete Olson (R-TX), pictured above, are lined up to speak at the event, which has been organized by a number of U.S. aerospace firms.



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