

FY 2024 Appropriations Bill Maintains Strong Funding for Workforce Development

Last Friday, Congress passed the final appropriations bill of fiscal year (FY) 2024 which provides funding to the Departments of Labor, Education, Treasury, Homeland Security, and several other government agencies. NDA was able to secure strong funding commitments for workforce development programs, disaster relief, and small business support. The bill maintains robust support for Career, Technical and Adult Education (CTE), Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act State Grants, Community College Training Grants, Job Corps, veterans job training programs, and more. The bill also included other NDA priorities such as \$20 billion for disaster relief efforts and \$1.2 billion for Small Business Administration (SBA) programs.

Below is an outline of key provisions for the demolition industry in the bill.

- **Workforce Development:**
 - \$2.2 billion for Career, Technical and Adult Education;
 - \$2.9 billion for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act State Grants;
 - \$65 million to continue and expand Strengthening Community College Training Grants to help meet local and regional labor market demand for a skilled workforce by providing training to workers in in-demand industries at community colleges and four-year partners. This is an increase of \$15 million over the fiscal year 2022 enacted level;
 - \$285 million for Registered Apprenticeships;
 - \$1.8 billion for the Job Corps Program;
 - \$66 million for the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program;
 - \$2.9 billion for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act State Grants, an increase of \$50 million above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level; and
 - \$7,395 for the maximum Pell Grant.
- **Small Business Administration (SBA):** \$1.2 billion for the SBA, to support investments in programs to help underserved entrepreneurs access capital and contracting opportunities.
 - \$140 million for Small Business Development Centers;
 - \$41 million for Microloan Technical Assistance;
 - \$27 million for the Federal and State Technology Partnership Program, Growth Accelerators, and Regional Innovation Clusters; and
 - \$27 million for Women’s Business Centers.
- **Disaster Relief:** \$20 billion in funding for disaster response efforts.