



Pass the Water Resources Development Act

Background:

The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) authorizes U.S. Army Corps of Engineers construction projects, which are regularly performed by NECA contractors, to improve our Nation's ports and harbors, inland waterway navigation, flood and storm protection, and other water resources infrastructure. Congress has passed this Act on a bipartisan basis every two years since 2014.

Under WRDA, the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRFs) program is the primary source of federal assistance to states and localities. NECA contractors play a critical role working to help communities modernize clean water and wastewater projects, water pollution control activities, and water recycling and reuse projects.

Key Points:

- *Support regular waterways authorizations to help meet the nation's economic, safety, and transportation needs.* Water and waterways infrastructure programs foster economic development, create jobs, facilitate trade and commerce, aid international competitiveness, provide water recreation opportunities, enhance agricultural and industrial productivity, and augment our national defense.
- *Invest in the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRFs).* These programs are essential programs that allow communities to leverage federal dollars to fund essential water and wastewater sewer projects. The American Society of Civil Engineers' 2020 economic study, "The Economic Benefits of Investing in Water Infrastructure: How a Failure to Act Would Affect the U.S. Economic Recovery" found that the annual drinking water and wastewater investment gap will grow to \$434 billion by 2029.

NECA Asks:

- Reauthorize the Water Resource and Development Act in the 118th Congress.



Pass the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act

Background:

Every five years, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Reauthorization Act provides many important reforms that will help U.S. manufacturers and job creators lead in a very competitive global marketplace. This legislation ensures long-term investment and stability in aviation infrastructure for America's large, small, and rural communities, and it addresses issues to help maintain the safety of our system. NECA contractors play a crucial role in ensuring the safety and efficiency of our aviation network through the construction and maintenance of our airports.

Key Points:

- *Provide Funding to Modernize our Airports and Air Traffic Infrastructure.* The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization should prioritize the need to strengthen our airport infrastructure. Congress should increase funding for programs that finance these projects.
- *Expand investments to the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).* These federal grants support airport development and planning that is essential to maintaining long-term sustainability of all airports of all sizes.
- *Support the Small Community Air Service Development Program (SCASDP).* This competitive grant program is designed to help small communities address air service and airfare issues. The SCASDP provides communities the opportunity to self-identify air service needs and propose solutions.
- *Streamline Environmental Review.* This bill expands and revises the review process to align with the 'One-Federal Decision'. This new authority will allow projects to navigate the environmental review process in a timelier manner, allowing for projects to come online faster.

NECA Asks:

- Support H.R. 3935, the Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act.