DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

The Budget requests $27.9 billion in discretionary funds for the Department of Energy, a 2.6% increase above the enacted FY14 level, that, according to the Budget documents, aims to position the United States to compete as a world leader in clean energy and advanced manufacturing; enhance U.S. energy security; cut carbon pollution and respond to and prepare for the threat of climate change; and modernize the nuclear weapons stockpile and infrastructure.

Office of Science

The Budget provides $5.1 billion for the Office of Science. This includes: Basic Energy Activities funded at $1.8 billion, a 5.5% increase from the $1.7 billion enacted in FY14; Fusion Energy Sciences is funded at $416 million, a 17.6% decrease from the $505 million FY14 enacted level; Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer are zero funded, as was enacted in FY14.

Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E)

The Budget requests $295,750,000 for ARPA-E, a 17.4% increase from the $252 million enacted FY14 level.

Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

The Budget proposes $180 million for the program, compared to the $147 million in FY14 funding. The mission of the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE) is to drive electric grid modernization and reliability in energy infrastructure. This includes funding for the Smart Grid program, which targets modernization of the electric system at the distribution level. It also includes funding for the Clean Energy Transmission and Reliability program, among others.

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

The Budget requests $2.317 billion in funding for this program, compared to $1.9 billion in FY14 funding. Included in the request is funding for the following: Solar Energy funded at $282.3 million, compared to $257.1 million in FY14; Wind Energy funded at $115 million, compared to $88.1 million in FY14; Vehicle Technologies funded at $359 million, compared to $289.7 million in FY14.
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

The President's Budget provides $7.89 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency, a decrease of $310 million, or nearly 4%, below the FY14 enacted level of $8.2 billion.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

The Budget reduces funding for the State Revolving Funds (SRFs). The Budget proposes a combined $1.018 billion for Federal capitalization of the SRFs, including a reduction from the FY14 enacted level of $101.29 million to a proposed FY15 level of $70.662 million for California.

State and Tribal Assistance Grants

The proposed Budget provides $3.005 billion for State and Tribal Assistance Grants, compared to $3.535 billion provided for FY14.

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup

The Budget provides $161 million to the Brownfields program, which will continue to foster federal, state, local, and public-private partnerships to return 2,800 acres of brownfields properties to productive economic use in communities.