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To: ERBA Membership and LinkedIn

Re: Omnibus Increase to \$218M for Corps Regulatory & Report Language on Mitigation

One of ERBA's top priorities has been to provide the Corps' Regulatory Program more resources in an accountable manner to address the compounding backlog of mitigation project approvals and expeditiously process permits for critically needed infrastructure. The recently passed Omnibus spending bill for fiscal year 2023 includes \$218 million for the Corps Regulatory budget—a \$6 million increase over FY2022 and \$12 million greater than was requested in the President's budget. Committee report language accompanying the bill directs the Corps to report on staffing levels and permit backlogs in each of the last five years, including a plan for rectifying the staffing shortages, and, notably for our industry, calls on the Corps "to ensure sufficient staffing levels to efficiently and expeditiously process mitigation bank applications."

ERBA thanks the members of Congress who supported this additional Corps Regulatory funding and report language at this important time for our nation's infrastructure and natural resources. ERBA believes this will be a significant step forward in improving the Corps' ability to administer the mitigation program and address permitting backlogs.
