



## **WRDA Benefits the Economy**

WRDA 2016 addresses the needs of America's harbors, locks, dams, flood protection, and other water resources infrastructure by authorizing U. S. Army Corps of Engineers activities.

600 million + tons of cargo valued at over \$230 billion move on our inland waterways annually

Over 1/4 of our GDP is derived from international trade, and 99% of U.S. overseas cargo moves through our ports Over 40 million jobs are related to international trade, and \$321 billion in federal, state, and local tax revenue is generated by our ports every year

The nationwide benefit-to-cost ratio for flood protection projects is **8-to-1** 



## **WRDA Follows Approval Process Established by Congress**

In 2014, Congress passed the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) and established a new, transparent, locally driven process for Congressional review and approval of Corps water resources development activities. WRDA 2016 follows this established process, and also returns Congress to a two-year cycle of addressing infrastructure that is vital to America's economy and job growth.

- Projects proposed at the local level & provide national economic and environmental benefits
- Non-federal sponsors submit requests to the Corps

 Corps delivers to Congress Chief's Report and Annual Report of proposals



- Corps weighs proposals against Congressionally required criteria
- Review results in a Chief's Report
- Report is Chief of Engineer's final recommendation to Congress
- Congress begins consideration of authorizing projects provided in Corps reports
- Chief's & Annual reports are vetted in Committee prior to inclusion in WRDA
- Authorizations fully offset with deauthorizations to comply with CUTGO

## WRDA Accomplishes a Specific, Critical Federal Responsibility

WRDA provides authorizations for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program and ensures strong oversight through the review of Chief's and Annual Reports.











