



November 21, 2011 – On Friday, November 18, President Obama signed into law a bill that includes three of the 12 fiscal year (FY) 2012 appropriations (or spending) bills, which includes funding for the Federal Aviation Administration. The law provides \$15.902 billion for the FAA. The Airport Improvement Program’s Grants-in-aid to Airports is funded at \$3.199 billion (a 5.3 percent cut from FY 2011’s \$3.378 billion). The law also includes \$2.071 million in Research, Engineering and Development for alternative fuels research for GA’s transition to unleaded avgas, as well as \$60,134,000 for the advancement of NextGen (under “Operations” below).

In addition to funding for FAA programs, the law includes language that prevents the Department of Transportation from dismantling the current Blocked Aircraft Registration Request (BARR) program, which allows private aircraft owners and operators to block aircraft movements from public dissemination upon request.

The chart below details funding levels for FAA comparing FY 2011, the President’s FY 2012 request, the funding levels included in the FY 2012 House and Senate appropriations bills, and the final FY 2012 levels (in thousands of dollars).

	FY 2011 Enacted	FY 2012 Request	FY 2012 House	FY 2012 Senate	FY 2012 Enacted
Operations	9,513,962	9,823,000	9,673,961	9,635,710	9,653,395
Facilities and Equipment	2,730,731	2,870,000	2,798,250	2,630,730	2,730,731
Research Engineering and Development	169,660	190,000	175,000	157,000	167,556
AIP	3,515,000	3,515,000	3,350,000	3,515,000	3,350,000
Total	15,929,353	16,398,000	15,997,211	15,938,440	15,901,682