

TALKING POINTS

FISCAL YEAR 2011

CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED

PROJECT SPENDING REQUEST

- Congress is in the process of developing the fiscal year 2011 budget that must be enacted into law not later than October 1, 2010.
- As part of this process, the congressional delegation has requested public agencies that have projects seeking federal assistance (congressionally directed spending requests), to submit project priorities according to a specified process that ensures transparency in the decision making process of selecting projects for federal assistance.
- Part of this process involves demonstrating regional support for a project request.
- This support must be demonstrated in a written letter on the organization's letterhead.
- We are requesting your active support of this project request to comply with the delegation's directive.
- I am providing a draft of a letter that covers the key points of interest that any support letter must address.
- We need to have your letter of support by the end of January so that we can meet the February 5, 2010 deadline for project submittals.