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On December 9, 2016, the President of the United States signed the bill to provide continuing appropriations through April 28, 2017. The bill provides funding to the United States Government at the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 enacted levels, with the inclusion of an across-the-board reduction of less than 0.2%.

The Richland Operations Office (RL) has received funding allotments based on a \$790M level. We will be evaluating any potential Tri-Party Agreement scope or schedule impacts and will address those with you in January. Given the duration of the continuing resolution (CR), through April 28, 2017, RL would like to inquire whether you would like to have a year-end briefing on FY 2016 accomplishments sometime in January 2017 rather than waiting until a final appropriation for FY 2017 is enacted. We would also be able to brief you on planned accomplishments during the CR at this meeting if you desire.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Gregory A. Jones, Assistant Manager for Business and Financial Operations, on (509) 372-8977.

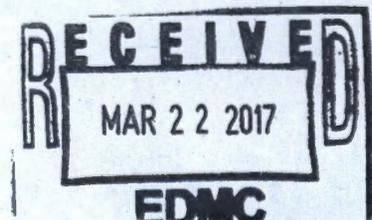
Sincerely,

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