Program Support (PS) requests $294.2M in FY 2011, reflecting a net increase of $4.9M over the FY 2010 Enacted. This budget request supports NOAA’s efforts to provide critical IT support to reduce vulnerability to cyber threats, establish secure communications among NOAA locations with better network management, support major restoration projects to address critical facility needs, and enables the completion of the IT infrastructure at the new Pacific Regional Center (PRC) on Ford Island in Honolulu, HI. The request further strengthens the Department of Commerce’s continuing effort to better serve the American people through advancing mission-critical science and services.

NOAA's Single Enterprise Network +$4.0M: These requested funds will establish and operate a backbone network, to provide secure and capable communications among NOAA’s over 200 geographically-dispersed locations. This critical network will allow for secure, efficient, and highly-reliable transport of NOAA’s extensive environmental data and ensure timely delivery of NOAA data and information products such as tornado warnings, hurricane forecasts, climate models, and tide data.

Acquisitions & Grants Services +$6.3M: This increase will enhance NOAA’s ability to provide dedicated personnel and funding for the implementation of an effective procurement oversight program. It will ensure successful obligation of the increasing volume of contractual and financial assistance actions, and establish a DOC Acquisition Intern Program, which will further strengthen the acquisition workforce. Each of the DOC acquisition offices will also fill critical vacancies to address the growing demand of grants and contracts, with an increased focus on strategic acquisition planning.

Enterprise IT Security +$4.7M: An increase of $4.7M is requested to fortify critical IT support for accomplishing NOAA’s mission and reducing NOAA’s vulnerability to cyber threats. This funding will also enable NOAA to increase the coverage and capabilities of the NOAA Computer Incident Response Team (N-CIRT) and enhance nationwide security monitoring and incident response.

Facilities Construction +$5.8M: In order to address deteriorated building systems, and safety/environmental conditions, NOAA will need to complete major restoration projects at a number of NOAA facilities. The FY 2011 request supports the restoration of NOAA’s aging owned-facility portfolio, with funding targeted at high priority NOAA projects such as the replacement of the deteriorated bulkhead at the OMAO Marine Operations Center — Atlantic (MOC-A) facility in Norfolk, Virginia.

Pacific Regional Center Project Funding + $14.0M: These funds will enable NOAA to complete acquisition and installation of the information technology infrastructure and prepare for occupancy by 2013 of the Main Facility of the Pacific Regional Center under construction on Ford Island, in Honolulu, HI. The funds will also pay for FY 2011 NOAA project management costs associated with the project. Upon completion, this center will allow NOAA to bring its programs together into one facility, improve operations and mission performance, longer-term operational savings, and opportunities for greater program collaboration and synergy—both within NOAA and with external partners.