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THIS MONTH

1. Appropriations Update
2. *National Quantum Initiative Act* Reauthorization

CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE

Continuing Resolution

- In November, Congress passed another continuing resolution (CR) to avoid a shutdown
 - A split or “laddered” CR
 - Bills deadline extended to January 19: Agriculture, Energy & Water, Military Construction, Transportation
 - Remaining Eight Bills extended to February 2
- A sprint to the end of the year
 - Extension has given time to pass other important “must pass legislation” such as the FAA reauthorization and the Defense Authorization Bill
- There continues to be a small chance that supplemental funding will be passed to boost *CHIPs and Science Act* Agencies such as DOE Office of Science

NATIONAL QUANTUM INITIATIVE ACT REAUTHORIZATION

House version introduced on November 3

- The House Science Committee held a markup hearing of the Bill on November 15
- Bipartisan support for the legislation in the committee
 - Expect similar support when the bill reaches the full House
- Senate has not yet worked on a comprehensive companion bill
- If advanced by end of year, could include the legislation in the NDAA to become law