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**From:** Squire Patton Boggs LLP  
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During December, Congress returned from its post-election break and began a lame duck session, with the aim of completing the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and the Fiscal Year 2023 appropriations process. The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), which is always of great interest to the County, also needed to be completed and was ultimately attached to the omnibus appropriations bill. The omnibus appropriations bill was finalized by the House by a 221-203-1 vote on Friday, December 23, following Senate passage by a 68-29 vote on Thursday. The President signed the bill on December 23. In addition to the WRDA package, the omnibus also included the State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act, which provides flexibility to state and local governments to use unspent COVID-19 relief funds for infrastructure projects.

Prior to the passage of the omnibus appropriations measure, the NDAA was passed, for the 62nd consecutive year, and signed by the President. The NDAA also contained municipal securities provisions of interest to local governments. The 117th Congress concluded on January 3, 2023.

Squire Patton Boggs (SPB) closely monitored the passage of the WRDA and the omnibus appropriations bill in real time for the County over the course of the lame duck session. We confirmed that the Community Funded Projects that the County had requested were included in the final omnibus package, as well as provisions of interest in the WRDA bill.

We continued to provide updates on the implementation of both the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). We reviewed, summarized, and provided information on the following aspects of their respective implementations:

- IRA Labor Protections
- Clean Heavy Duty Vehicle Program
- RAISE grants
- OSHA heat injury and prevention
- White House plan to end homelessness

Additionally, SPB provided weekly updates on the IIJA and the IRA, along with our regular weekly grants report.