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## **PSC Welcomes FY18 Congressional Budget Deal; Awaits President's FY19 Request**

**Arlington, V.A. (Feb. 9, 2018)** – The Professional Services Council (PSC) welcomed the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, which was passed by Congress and signed by the president this morning. This bill will enable the enactment of appropriations to fund both defense and non-defense missions.

“PSC member companies, who provide essential services in support of federal government missions, have operated under the severe constraints of continuing resolutions (CRs) since October 1 of last year,” said David J. Berteau, PSC president and CEO. “This legislation provides Congress with a window to finalize funding for the remainder of FY18 by late March, and an opportunity to draft, pass and enact FY19 appropriations bills on time. PSC urges the Appropriations Committees to act expeditiously to craft the FY19 bills to avoid entering the next fiscal year under another CR.”

Two issues remain to be resolved, and PSC will be watching them closely. The first is the allocation of the \$63 billion increase in FY18 non-defense spending. That allocation will determine the level of spending in each of the appropriations bills, other than defense. Agency missions and functions may be dramatically affected by the distribution of that increase.

The second issue concerns the details of the president’s proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019. The White House has indicated that budget will be released no sooner than Monday, Feb. 12, but it is not clear how that budget will reflect Bipartisan Budget Act spending levels.

“PSC will be watching both of these issues and updating our views as soon as more information becomes available,” Berteau said. “For now, we applaud the actions of the Congress to restore funding stability for government operations.”

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