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## ADVOCACY UPDATE

### **AMPP Secures \$2M Boost for DoD Corrosion Fight, Enhancing Defense and Safety**

The Association for Materials Protection and Performance (AMPP) is pleased to share a significant update regarding the funding for the Department of Defense (DoD) Corrosion Policy and Oversight (CPO) office. On March 23rd, President Biden signed the \$1.2 trillion FY24 appropriations package into law to avoid a partial government shutdown that would have started today, March 25th, following months of negotiations. This comprehensive package includes the final passage of the Defense Appropriations bills, which funds the DoD.

Thanks to AMPP's advocacy efforts, the DoD CPO Office has received a substantial increase in funding. Initially expected to receive \$3.185 million for FY24, the passed legislation allocates \$5.185 million for the CPO office, reflecting an increase of \$2 million due to our collective advocacy efforts.

The purpose of the CPO office is to reduce the total lifecycle costs of corrosion, increase availability, and improve safety within the DoD. It serves as a platform for stakeholder communication, bringing together managers, logistics supporters, engineers, scientists, and maintainers to address corrosion threats effectively. Additionally, the objectives of the CPO office extend beyond the DoD to include improvements for FHWA, NASA, Industry, and Allied Nations.

This increase in funding underscores the importance of our advocacy efforts and signifies a significant investment in combating corrosion threats within defense systems. With this additional funding, the DoD CPO office will be better equipped to develop and implement policies aimed at safeguarding vital defense assets and advancing materials protection and performance standards.

To help AMPP continue advocating for materials protection and performance, we invite you to join us in Washington, DC, for AMPP Advocacy Day on May 15-16. This event allows our members to engage with policymakers and advocate for policies that promote the interests of our industry. Together, we are making a tangible impact on corrosion mitigation efforts and shaping a safer, more resilient future for all.

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