

Washington DC Overview



- **FY 2008 begins on October 1st.**
- **No appropriations bills have been sent to the President.**
- **Democratic Hill priorities include passing all 12 appropriations bills and changing the course in Iraq, despite Presidential veto threat.**
- **The Pentagon is updating its budget for operations in Iraq next year, anticipating a partial drawdown of U.S. forces.**
- **House passed Defense Appropriations bill is below Admin. request and awaits conference with Senate**
- **Admin./Congress differences include missile defense, Future Combat Systems, JSF alternative engine, S&T funding, C-17 and CSAR-X**
- **Larger priority on equipment reset/recapitalization, direct troop funding and attention to defense employment base**
- **Increased Congressional acquisition and contracting scrutiny has become a reality**
- **Protests delaying major procurement starts (eg CSAR-X, JCA)**
- **Congress is expected to stay in session until at least Thanksgiving – possibly until Christmas.**
- **In 2008, all House seats and 33 Senate seats are up for re-election; 10 members of Congress are currently running for President.**