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## Secretary Napolitano Announces Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Request



On April 10, 2013, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano unveiled the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) fiscal year (FY) 2014 budget request of \$39.0 billion in net discretionary funding, 2 percent below the FY 2012 enacted level. The Secretary's announcement outlined the Department's FY 2014 Budget priorities, which include Preventing Terrorism and Enhancing Security, and Securing and Managing our Borders. Highlights from the Secretary's announcement include:

**Preventing Terrorism and Enhancing Security** - To address evolving terrorist threats and ensure the safety of the traveling public, the Budget safeguards the Nation's transportation systems through a layered detection system and continues to support risk-based security initiatives, including Global Entry and other Trusted Traveler Programs. The Budget supports Administration efforts to secure maritime cargo and the global supply chain by strengthening efforts to prescreen and evaluate high-risk cargo. Investments in DHS's intelligence and targeting programs, coupled with the expansion of the National Targeting Center, will increase operational efficiencies and enhance our ability to interdict threats and dangerous people before they reach the United States.

**Securing and Managing Our Borders** - The FY 2014 Budget continues the Administration's robust border security efforts, while facilitating legitimate travel and trade. It sustains historic deployments of personnel along U.S. borders as well as the continued utilization of proven, effective surveillance technology along the highest trafficked areas of the Southwest border. In support of the President's Executive Order on Travel and Tourism, the Budget funds a record number of more than 25,000 U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers (CBPOs) through appropriated funds and proposed increases to user fee rates in order to expedite travel and trade while reducing wait times at more than 300 ports of entry (POEs) along the border and at airports and seaports across the country.

For more information, visit [DHS.gov](http://DHS.gov) to read the Secretary's announcement, or contact the Office of Congressional Affairs.

## CBP Releases Resource Optimization Report



In concert with the President's FY 14 Budget request, CBP delivered to Congress its "Resource Optimization at Ports of Entry" report which includes the Workload Staffing Model (WSM), as requested in the FY 2012 Homeland Security Appropriations Act. This report supports CBP's request for additional CBP officers as part of the implementation of CBP's Resource Optimization Strategy. This three-pronged Strategy maximizes existing resources by executing innovations that benefit operations and the traveler experience; pursuing funding strategies through legislative proposals and public-private partnerships; and identifying staffing needs at our Nation's ports of entry through a data-driven, validated WSM.

The WSM was developed to determine the number of CBP officers needed to enforce the laws at our ports of entry, carry out our national security mission, and to expedite the legitimate flow of people and goods that are vital to our economy. In short, the model helps determine the number of CBP officers needed to accomplish our mission.

The President's FY 2014 Budget request includes appropriated funding for 1,600 additional CBPOs to offset CBPOs current and immediate need as identified by the WSM. Additionally, the request also proposes legislative changes to user fee collections that would fund up to 1,877 additional officers to increase cost recovery.

More information on the Resource Optimization Strategy and the WSM is available at [CBP.gov](http://CBP.gov). Please contact the Office of Congressional Affairs with any questions.

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## CBP Announces Test Expansion for Centers of Excellence and Expertise

On April 4, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced in the Federal Register that it is modifying and expanding its test for the Centers of Excellence and Expertise (CEEs).

This document builds on the original August 28, 2012, notice and announces that six new CEEs— Agriculture & Prepared Products (Miami, FL); Apparel, Footwear & Textiles (San Francisco, CA); Base Metals (Chicago, IL); Consumer Products & Mass Merchandising (Atlanta, GA); Industrial & Manufacturing Materials (Buffalo, NY); and Machinery (Laredo, TX)—will be opened and tested to determine how they will operate with broad decision-making authority. This notice invites public comment concerning the methodology of the test program, explains the application process and timeframes, and provides eligibility and selection criteria for participation in the test. This document also provides the legal authority for the test, explains the repercussions and appeals process for misconduct, and expands the regulations that will be included in the test for the six new CEEs as well as the four CEEs currently participating in the test: Electronics (Los Angeles, CA); Pharmaceuticals, Health & Chemicals (New York, NY); Automotive & Aerospace (Detroit, MI); and Petroleum, Natural Gas & Minerals (Houston, TX).

The full text of the announcement is available at [GPO.gov](http://GPO.gov). For more information on CBP's CEEs, please visit the [CBP Website](#) or contact the Office of Congressional Affairs.

## Upcoming Event One DHS Day on the Hill

Please join the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on May 13, 2013, for *One DHS Day on the Hill*. This event, which will take place from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in Room 106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, will feature CBP along with other DHS operating and support components. Agencies will showcase their major programs and technologies, as well as answer any questions that you may have. As in years past, this promises to be an exciting event, and is open to all Members and staff. We look forward to seeing you and your colleagues on May 13th.

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## A Decade of Progressive Excellence in Travel

March 1, 2013, marked the tenth anniversary of the creation of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Before the creation of CBP, travelers to the United States had to make two or three separate stops - for immigration inspection, customs inspection, and, if they were carrying food or plants, agriculture inspection - with three separate employees. To learn more about how CBP has streamlined this process and promoted a decade of progressive excellence in travel, please visit the [CBP Website](#) or click on the image for a short video.

## CBP Enforcement News



### CBP Agriculture Specialists Intercept First in Port Amber Snail

Baltimore, MD — On April 2, 2013, a U.S. Department of Agriculture entomologist confirmed that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agriculture specialists recorded a first discovery of a *Succinea costaricana* in the Port of Baltimore. *Succinea costaricana* is a quarantine pest known to occur in Central America that damages ornamental plants, and poses a potential threat to the ornamental plant industry. *Succinea costaricana* is a species of air-breathing land snail in the family Succineidae, the amber snails. CBP agriculture specialists discovered the *Succinea costaricana* snail on the exterior of a shipping container loaded with bags of cardamom seasoning from Guatemala.

— Visit the [CBP Newsroom](#) for the full story.



### Border Patrol Agents Nab Woman with 300 Pounds of Marijuana

Del Rio, TX — On March 27, 2013, U.S. Border Patrol agents assigned to the Brackettville Station arrested an Eagle Pass woman after finding more than 300 pounds of marijuana in the pickup truck she was driving. The seizure stemmed from a traffic stop conducted by agents on Highway 277, near Quemado, TX. Agents discovered 150 bundles of marijuana hidden among hay bales in the bed of the 1994 Dodge Dakota pickup. Agents arrested the driver, a 19-year-old Eagle Pass woman, and seized a total of 302 pounds of marijuana worth an estimated \$241,600.

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### CBP Officers Arrest Sexual Assault Fugitive

Hidalgo, TX — On April 3, 2013, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Hidalgo International Bridge arrested an Edinburg, TX, man wanted by the Larimer County, Colorado Sheriff's Office for sexual assault of a child. The arrest occurred just after midnight when CBP officers encountered Pablo Esau Peralta Martinez, age 23, attempting to enter the United States as a pedestrian. A CBP officer at primary inspection discovered a possible active warrant on Peralta Martinez. After securing him and escorting him to secondary, subsequent biometric checks through law enforcement and CBP databases confirmed the outstanding warrant.

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