

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 5, 2004

Dear Mr. Speaker:

On September 8th, I signed into law Public Law 108-303, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, which provided \$2 billion in supplemental funds for hurricane-related disaster relief. On September 14<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, I submitted additional supplemental requests totaling \$10.2 billion to continue immediate assistance to address the impact of Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne.

Due to the availability of better estimates regarding the damage resulting from Hurricane Jeanne, I am requesting additional emergency funds from the Congress to address this natural disaster. I now ask the Congress to consider the enclosed requests, totaling \$691.2 million, for additional emergency resources for the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, the Interior, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs; as well as the Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency, and International Assistance Programs.

I hereby designate these specific proposals in the amounts requested herein as emergency requirements. These additional requests will support response and recovery effort to address the critical needs associated with the effects of Hurricane Jeanne. In addition to this enacted and requested emergency funding, Federal agencies will continue to use existing resources and programs for response and recovery efforts from all recent hurricanes and storms.

I urge the Congress to limit this emergency funding to those items directly related to the recovery efforts from the impact of these recent major disasters and to act expeditiously on this and my pending emergency supplemental requests.

The details of this request are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,



The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Enclosure



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

October 5, 2004

The President  
The White House

On September 14<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, you submitted supplemental requests totaling \$3.1 billion and \$7.1 billion, respectively, to address the impacts of the recent hurricanes. These requests were in addition to the \$2 billion provided on September 8<sup>th</sup> in P.L. 108-303, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2004, for immediate response efforts to these natural disasters.

Submitted for your consideration are additional emergency proposals, totaling \$691.2 million, for the Departments of Agriculture, Defense, the Interior, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs; as well as the Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency, and International Assistance Programs. These funds are being requested to provide immediate needs assistance to address the impact of Hurricane Jeanne. The Office of Management and Budget has consulted with the Congress to ensure that the emergency needs associated with Hurricane Jeanne are addressed. When combined with already enacted emergency appropriations, supplemental funding associated with these major disasters will total over \$12.9 billion.

As described below and in more detail in the enclosures, the requests include the following:

Department of Agriculture (USDA)

- \$145 million for USDA. This request includes: \$15 million for the Forest Service for erosion control and restoration of fisheries and endangered species habitat, and for clean-up, and repair needs for roads, trails and facilities, in national forests in the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that were damaged by Hurricanes Ivan and Tropical Storm Jeanne; and, \$130 million for the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Farm Service Agency to provide cost-share assistance for emergency measures to retard runoff and prevent soil erosion in damaged watersheds, as well as to clean-up and repair farmland and rangelands. Of this amount, \$95 million will be provided to the Emergency Watershed Protection Program and \$35 million will be provided to the Emergency Conservation Program to areas damaged by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne. This request is in addition to the \$420 million already requested for USDA.

### Department of Defense (DOD)

- \$116.2 million is requested for DOD for costs associated with the evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, and damage to structure and equipment at various military facilities caused by Hurricane Jeanne. The request will support the immediate rehabilitation of utilities, the repair and reconstruction of facilities, and reimbursement for those who were required to evacuate. This request is in addition to the \$961.9 million already requested for DOD.

### Department of the Interior

- \$11.0 million is requested for clean-up and facility repair at national wildlife refuges, national park units, and at United States Geological Survey sites in the affected areas. This request is in addition to the \$66.3 million already requested for the Department of the Interior.

### Department of Transportation

- \$25.0 million is requested for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to repair or replace the multiple FAA facilities that were damaged in the recent storms. This is in addition to the \$5.1 million already requested for the FAA.
- \$200.0 million for the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Emergency Relief Program for emergency repairs to eligible highways and roads affected by Hurricane Jeanne. This is in addition to the \$600 million already requested for the FHWA.

### Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

- \$95.0 million is requested for hurricane response and relief. Uses include, but are not limited to, repairing hospitals and outpatient clinics, as well as reimbursing VA for assistance to local communities, and contracting with medical providers for care. This request is in addition to the \$29.1 million already requested for VA.

### Corps of Engineers (Corps)

- \$46.0 million is requested for the Corps to restore navigation channels, repair and rehabilitate coastal areas, and address other projects in areas affected by Hurricane Jeanne. This request is in addition to the \$199 million already requested for the Corps.

### Environmental Protection Agency

- \$3.0 million is requested to restore buildings and facilities that were damaged by Hurricane Jeanne.

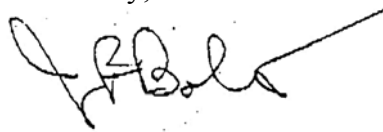
## International Assistance Programs

- \$50.0 million is requested for international disaster and famine assistance funds for additional relief and rehabilitation requirements stemming from the damage caused by recent hurricanes and tropical storms in Grenada, Jamaica, Haiti, and other nations. This request is in addition to the \$50 million already requested for International Assistance Programs.

All of the requests in the transmittal are for the purpose of fulfilling known and urgent requirements that cannot reasonably be met through the use of existing agency funds. I recommend that you designate the specific proposals contained in this transmittal as emergency requirements.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the heads of the affected Departments and agencies in recommending you transmit the proposals to the Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Bolten', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Joshua B. Bolten  
Director

Enclosures

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

National Forest System

For an additional amount for “National Forest System,” \$2,000,000, to remain available until expended, for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Forest Service for erosion control and restoration of fisheries and endangered species habitat in national forests in the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that were damaged by Hurricane Ivan and Tropical Storm Jeanne.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FOREST SERVICE

Capital Improvements and Maintenance

For an additional amount for “Capital Improvements and Maintenance,” \$13,000,000, to remain available until expended, for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Forest Service for clean-up, and repair needs for roads, trails and facilities, in national forests in the States of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico that were damaged by Hurricane Ivan and Tropical Storm Jeanne.

This request is in addition to the \$20 million requested in this account on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. XXX. In addition to amounts otherwise provided, up to \$130,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the Emergency Watershed Protection Program and/or the Emergency Conservation Program for emergency hurricane-related expenses including the provision of technical and financial assistance for improvements and clean-up: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for these purposes. Persons that received payments from section 32 of the Act of August 24, 1935 with respect to 2004 hurricane losses are not eligible for these funds.

This request would provide funds to the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Farm Service Agency to provide cost-share assistance for emergency measures to retard runoff and prevent soil erosion in damaged watersheds, as well as to clean-up and repair farmland and rangelands. Of the requested amount, \$95 million will be provided to the Emergency Watershed Protection Program and \$35 million will be provided to the Emergency Conservation Program. The assistance is to be provided to areas damaged by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne.

This request is in additional to the \$100 million request for these programs on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Military Personnel, Air Force

For an additional amount for "Military Personnel, Air Force," \$2,100,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of evacuation, which shall be available for transfer to reimburse costs incurred in FY 2004 as a result of emergency evacuations due to hurricanes: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with the evacuation caused by Hurricane Jeanne. In particular, the request funds mileage, per diem, and lodging costs for the evacuation of military dependents, as authorized by the Joint Federal Travel Regulation. Bases which were evacuated were in the State of Florida.



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Operation and Maintenance, Army

For an additional amount for "Operation and Maintenance, Army," \$19,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, and base recovery; of which not to exceed 25 percent shall be available for transfer to reimburse costs incurred in FY 2004 as a result of emergency evacuations and immediate recovery related to basic infrastructure due to hurricanes: Provided, That Congress designates these amounts as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with damage to structures and equipment caused by Hurricane Jeanne.

In particular, the request funds repairs to facilities in Georgia.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Operation and Maintenance, Navy

For an additional amount for "Operation and Maintenance, Navy," \$7,200,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, and base recovery; of which not to exceed 25 percent shall be available for transfer to reimburse costs incurred in FY 2004 as a result of emergency evacuations and immediate recovery related to basic infrastructure due to hurricanes: Provided, That Congress designates these amounts as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structures and equipment caused by Hurricane Jeanne.

In particular, the request funds critical clean up, replacement of damaged equipment and repairs to Naval facilities throughout the storm-impacted areas, including but not limited to Naval Air Station, Jacksonville and Naval Station, Mayport in Florida. The funds will be used to repair buildings, roofs, roads, docks, erosion, and electrical systems. In addition, the funds pay for the costs associated with the evacuation of personnel from the affected areas.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Operation and Maintenance, Air Force

For an additional amount for "Operation and Maintenance, Air Force," \$26,700,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, and base recovery; of which not to exceed 25 percent shall be available for transfer to reimburse costs incurred in FY 2004 as a result of emergency evacuations and immediate recovery related to basic infrastructure due to hurricanes: Provided, That Congress designates these amounts as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structures and equipment caused by Hurricane Jeanne.

In particular, the request funds evacuation of military and civilian personnel from various installations in Florida. In addition, these funds would cover the costs associated with storm damage and repairs to Patrick Air Force Base, MacDill Air Force Base, and Avon Park Range in Florida, as well as, Moody Air Force Base in Georgia, and New Castle County Airport in Delaware. These funds will be used to repair roofs, communication equipment, water damage, structural damage, radars, weather instruments, fences, and general cleanup.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide

For an additional amount for "Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide," \$6,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment: Provided, That Congress designates these amounts as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with damage to structures, utilities, and equipment caused by Hurricane Jeanne. These funds would be used to repair window damage at the Defense Depot in Jacksonville, Florida.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve

For an additional amount for "Operation and Maintenance, Army Reserve," \$413,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, and base recovery; of which not to exceed 25 percent shall be available for transfer to reimburse costs incurred in FY 2004 as a result of emergency evacuations and immediate recovery related to basic infrastructure due to hurricanes: Provided, That Congress designates these amounts as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structures and equipment caused by Hurricane Jeanne.

In particular, this request funds repair to facilities and infrastructure at bases affected by the recent hurricanes. This includes funding for buildings repair and recovery efforts in Orlando, Florida.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard

For an additional amount for "Operation and Maintenance, Army National Guard," \$877,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, and base recovery; of which not to exceed 25 percent shall be available for transfer to reimburse costs incurred in FY 2004 as a result of emergency evacuations and immediate recovery related to basic infrastructure due to hurricanes: Provided, That Congress designates these amounts as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structures and equipment caused by Hurricane Jeanne.

In particular, this request funds repair to facilities and infrastructure affected by the recent hurricanes in various locations in Florida. Funded activities include repair of roofs, water intrusion, and other damage.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Defense Health Program

For an additional amount for "Defense Health Program," \$50,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, and base recovery: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover wind and water damage to roofs and interiors of hospitals and clinics in several areas including Warner Robbins Clinic and Moody Air Force Base Clinic in Georgia and MacDill Air Force Base in Florida.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
REVOLVING AND MANAGEMENT FUNDS

Working Capital Fund, Defense-Wide

For an additional amount for "Working Capital Fund, Defense-Wide," \$75,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, and base recovery: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structure and equipment caused by Hurricane Jeanne.



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

PROCUREMENT

Other Procurement, Air Force

For an additional amount for "Other Procurement, Air Force," \$2,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses and replacement of destroyed or damaged equipment: Provided, That Congress designates these amounts as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with damage to structures and equipment caused by Hurricane Jeanne.

The funds will be used to repair damage to radars, telemetry, weather instruments, and communications equipment at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

PROCUREMENT

Procurement, Defense-Wide

For an additional amount for "Procurement, Defense-Wide," \$102,500,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005 for emergency hurricane-related expenses for the costs of repairs to structures and facilities, replacement of destroyed or damaged equipment, and preparation and recovery of naval vessels under construction: Provided, That Congress designates these amounts as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose: Provided further, That the Secretary of Defense may transfer these funds to appropriations for procurement and research, development, test, and evaluation: Provided further, That funds transferred shall be merged with and made available for the same purposes and for the same time period as the appropriation to which transferred: Provided further, That this transfer authority is in addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department of Defense.

This language amends the request of September 27, 2004, for the same account and reduces that request by \$147.5 million; \$138.8 million is now requested under Military Construction, Navy, and \$8.7 million is now requested under Military Construction, Army Reserve.

The funds will be used to: (1) replace damaged equipment at several Navy and Air Force installations including, but not limited to, Eglin Air Force Base and Pensacola Naval Air Station; (2) repair damage to research and other facilities; and (3) cover the costs of production delays at naval shipyards. Because of the uncertainty of some of these costs and the resulting need for flexibility in execution, \$102.5 million should be made available for transfer as the requirements become clearer. ||

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Military Construction, Navy

For an additional amount for "Military Construction, Navy," \$138,800,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and facilities: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose: Provided further, That such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out rebuilding of military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with damage to structures and facilities caused by Hurricane Ivan.

In particular, these funds would pay for Military Construction projects at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Florida. This language also authorizes the use of funds in this account for Military Construction.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Military Construction, Army Reserve

For an additional amount for "Military Construction, Army Reserve," \$8,700,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and facilities: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose: Provided further, That such funds may be obligated and expended to carry out rebuilding of military construction projects not otherwise authorized by law.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with damage to structures and facilities caused by Hurricane Ivan.

In particular, these funds would pay for repair and reconstruction of the Army Reserve Center located at the Pensacola Naval Air Station, Florida. This language also authorizes the use of funds in this account for Military Construction.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Base Realignment and Closure Account

For an additional amount for "Base Realignment and Closure Account," \$50,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with damage to structure and equipment caused by Tropical Storm Jeanne.

In particular, these funds would pay for minor repairs and cleanup in Puerto Rico.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

FAMILY HOUSING

Family Housing, Operation and Maintenance, Army

For an additional amount for "Family Housing, Operation and Maintenance, Army," \$100,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, and base recovery: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structure and equipment caused by Tropical Storm Jeanne.

In particular, these funds would pay for family housing repairs at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

FAMILY HOUSING

Family Housing, Operation and Maintenance, Air Force

For an additional amount for "Family Housing, Operation and Maintenance, Air Force," \$1,200,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses, for the costs of repairs to structures and equipment, evacuation, base preparation, and base recovery: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Department of Defense to cover the costs associated with evacuation, base preparation, base recovery, damage to structure and equipment caused by Hurricane Jeanne.

In particular, these funds would pay for family housing repairs Patrick Air Force Base and MacDill Air Force Base in Florida.

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### General Transfer Authority

Sec. XXX. Upon his determination that such action is necessary in the national interest, the Secretary of Defense may transfer between appropriations up to \$10,000,000 of the funds made available to the Department of Defense in this title: Provided, That the Secretary shall notify the Congress promptly of each transfer made pursuant to this authority: Provided further, That the transfer authority provided in this section is in addition to any other transfer authority available to the Department of Defense: Provided further, That the authority in this section is subject to the same terms and conditions as the authority provided in section 8005 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2005, except for the fourth proviso.

This provision would provide the Department with needed flexibility by allowing up to \$10 million of the funds appropriated in this act to be transferred between accounts. The Secretary of Defense will notify the Congress promptly after such transfers, and this transfer authority will be in addition to any other transfer authority provided the Department.



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. XXX. Funds appropriated in this title, or made available by the transfer of funds in or pursuant to this title, for intelligence activities are deemed to be specifically authorized by the Congress for purposes of section 504 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 414).

This provision would provide that funds requested in this transmittal for the Department of Defense, or made available by the transfer of funds, for intelligence activities are deemed to be specifically authorized by the Congress for purposes of section 504 of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 414).

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Resource Management

For an additional amount for "Resource Management," \$1,700,000, to remain available until expended, for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Fish and Wildlife Service for clean-up and facility repair needs at Pelican Island, Merritt Island and other national wildlife refuges and facilities that were damaged in Florida by Hurricane Jeanne.

27<sup>th</sup>. This request is in addition to the \$1.0 million requested for this account on September

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Construction

For an additional amount for "Construction," \$2,800,000, to remain available until expended, for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Fish and Wildlife Service for clean-up and facility repair needs at Loxahatchee, Archie Carr, Okefenokee and other national wildlife refuges and facilities that were damaged in Florida and Georgia by Hurricane Jeanne.

This request is in addition to the \$21.9 million requested previously for this account for recent hurricane response.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Construction and Major Maintenance

For an additional amount for "Construction and Major Maintenance," \$6,500,000, to remain available until expended, for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the National Park Service for clean-up and facility repair needs at national park units in Florida that were damaged by Hurricane Jeanne, including Canaveral National Seashore and De Soto National Monument. This request would also assure funding for all known repair needs to the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina as a result of the recent hurricanes.

This request is in addition to the \$42.4 million requested previously in this account for recent hurricane response.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Emergency Assistance to Airports

(Airport and Airway Trust Fund)

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for emergency hurricane-related insurance-eligible capital costs to repair or replace public-use airport-related facilities at public-use airports identified in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems, to enable the Federal Aviation Administration to compensate entities for such capital costs, up to \$25,000,000, to be derived from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to remain available until June 30, 2006: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Federal Aviation Administration to repair and replace airport facilities that were damaged by the recent hurricanes.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Federal-aid Highways

Emergency Relief Program

(Highway Trust Fund)

For an additional amount for the Emergency Relief Program for emergency expenses resulting from 2004 Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne, as authorized by 23 U.S.C. 125, \$200,000,000, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account): Provided, That notwithstanding 23 U.S.C. 125(d)(1), the Secretary of Transportation may obligate more than \$100,000,000 for projects arising from Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne: Provided further, That any amounts in excess of those necessary for emergency expenses relating to the above hurricanes may be used for other projects authorized under 23 U.S.C. 125: Provided further, That amounts provided herein shall remain available until expended: Provided further, That the entire amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide funds to the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief Program for emergency repairs to eligible highways and roads affected by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne.

This request is in addition to the \$600 million requested for this account on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Medical Services

For an additional amount for "Medical Services," \$31,472,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$31.5 million for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for hurricane response and relief. Uses include, but are not limited to reimbursing VA for equipment and purchasing of contract medical providers.

This request is in addition to the \$6.8 million requested previously for this account for recent hurricane response and relief.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Medical Facilities

For an additional amount for "Medical Facilities," \$27,114,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$27.1 million for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for hurricane response and relief to VA facilities. Uses include, but are not limited to repairing hospitals, outpatient clinics, and the surrounding land.

This request is in addition to the \$19.8 million requested previously in this account for recent hurricane response and relief.



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Medical Administration

For an additional amount for "Medical Administration," \$193,000, to remain available until September 30, 2005, for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$193,000 for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for hurricane response and relief. Uses include, but are not limited to reimbursing VA for travel that VA employees undertook to Florida to assist in hurricane Jeanne relief efforts; reimbursing VA for any assistance given to local communities for health care or shelter.

This request is in addition to the \$1.7 million requested previously in this account for recent hurricane response and relief.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION

Construction, Minor Projects

For an additional amount for "Construction, Minor Projects," \$36,193,000, to remain available until expended, for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$36.2 million for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to repair hospitals and national cemeteries damaged during Hurricane Jeanne. Uses include, but are not limited to clearing road debris and repairing roadways.

This request is in addition to the \$150,000 requested in this account previously for recent hurricane response and relief.

## CORPS OF ENGINEERS – CIVIL WORKS

### Operation and Maintenance, General

For an additional amount for "Operation and Maintenance, General" for emergency hurricane-related expenses necessary to dredge navigation channels and repair other Corps projects, \$12,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide an additional \$12 million to repair severe damage caused by recent hurricanes to Corps of Engineers projects in southern and eastern states. These funds would be used to restore projects to pre-storm conditions, such as the Central and Southern Florida project that sustained damage to dikes and control structures, and the Pascagoula Harbor in Mississippi where shoaling has reduced the channel depth below that level necessary for safe passage.

This request is in addition to the \$82 million requested in this account previously for recent hurricane response and relief.

## CORPS OF ENGINEERS – CIVIL WORKS

### Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies

For an additional amount for “Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies,” as authorized by section 5 of the Flood Control Act of August 16, 1941, as amended (33 USC 701n) for emergency hurricane-related expenses from coastal storm damages and flooding, \$34,000,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide \$34 million for the Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies account of the Army Corps of Engineers – Civil Works. Hurricanes including Jeanne caused severe damage to coastal storm protection and flood protection features eligible for assistance under the Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies program. The requested funds are particularly needed to address incremental beach erosion caused by storms, as identified by the Corps, and are in addition to beach restoration funds requested through this account in the Administration’s previous emergency supplemental requests. The extent of repair and rehabilitation of beach erosion would be the lesser of the amount required for emergency protection or replacing sand eroded by the storms.

This request is in addition to the \$113 million requested in this account previously for recent hurricane response and relief.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### Buildings and Facilities

For an additional amount for “Buildings and Facilities,” \$3,000,000, to remain available until expended, for emergency hurricane-related expenses: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide additional funds to the Environmental Protection Agency for clean-up and facility repair needs at the Gulf Ecology Division Laboratory in Gulf Breeze, Florida that was damaged by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne.

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

International Disaster and Famine Assistance

For an additional amount for “International Disaster and Famine Assistance,” \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended, for emergency hurricane-related expenses without regard to section 10 of Public Law 91-672 and section 15 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956: Provided, That Congress designates this amount as an emergency requirement for this specific purpose.

This request would provide \$50 million in international disaster and famine assistance funds for additional relief and rehabilitation requirements stemming from the damage caused by recent hurricanes and tropical storms in Grenada, Jamaica, Haiti, and other nations, including temporary provision of electricity, housing rehabilitation and reconstruction, agriculture sector reconstruction, water and sanitation systems reconstruction, and rehabilitation of roads, irrigation and rural infrastructure, schools and health facilities.

This request is in addition to the \$50 million requested in this account on September 27<sup>th</sup>.