

F a c t S h e e t

The President's Fiscal 2002 Immigration Budget

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Detention and Removals

The FY 2002 budget includes \$88.8 million and 127 new positions to strengthen efforts to identify and remove criminal aliens by increasing and improving detention space and transportation. INS is also seeking 46 positions in its Legal Proceedings Program to assist the U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Office of Immigration Litigation in immigration-related matters arising in federal courts.

Consolidated Detention Bed Space

To continue to meet the mandatory detention requirements of the Illegal Immigration and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, the budget requests 127 positions (68 Detention Enforcement Officers, 33 Deportation Officers and 26 support positions) and an additional 1,607 average daily state and local detention bed spaces. This initiative includes resources to detain, remove and transport aliens. **(\$68.4 million)**

National Transportation System

The budget includes an increase of \$8.8 million to fund the costs associated with the INS share of the Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System (JPATS). This increase, when combined with current funding, will fund an estimated 84,000 air movements to transfer or repatriate detainees. JPATS, created in 1995 by INS and the U.S. Marshals Service, is an air transportation system used to transfer or repatriate federal prisoners and detainees. **(\$8.8 million)**

Public Health

The budget includes funding of \$8.7 million to support the increased cost of providing detainees health care and to continue the expansion of the tuberculosis testing pilot program. INS is committed to ensuring that its facilities are safe and humane, and that adequate medical care is provided to aliens in its custody. Further, in expanding a tuberculosis testing program that provides results in a matter of hours rather than days, INS will be able to ensure that detainees, employees and the public are safeguarded from disease. **(\$8.7 million)**

Coordination with U.S. Attorneys

The budget requests 46 positions (31 attorneys and 15 support personnel) to enable INS to assist the U.S. Attorneys Offices and the Office of Immigration Litigation in immigration-related matters arising in federal courts. The litigation efforts will facilitate the removal of detained aliens, a substantial number of which are criminal aliens. It will also ensure that aliens not eligible for immigration benefits are appropriately identified and denied any benefit. **(\$2.9 million)**

FY 2002 Initiatives

(\$ in millions)

Initiative	S&E	User Fee	BB/DF	Total
Consolidated Detention Bed Space	\$21.9	\$6.5	\$40.0	\$68.4
National Transportation System	8.8	–	–	8.8
Public Health	8.7	–	–	8.7
Coordination with U.S. Attorneys	2.9	–	–	2.9
TOTAL	\$42.3	\$6.5	\$40.0	\$88.8