

Executive Summary

The President's Fiscal 2002 Immigration Budget

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Strengthening the Nation's Immigration System

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 budget request for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) totals \$5.51 billion, a 10-percent increase over the FY 2001 funding level. This budget includes \$380 million in enhancements and provides \$123 million in additional funding to the agency's base. The budget adds a total of 1,364 new staff positions, which will allow INS to grow to more than 36,200 positions by the end of FY 2002.

The FY 2002 INS budget supports the agency's goals and strategies that it has pursued over the past several years. INS will build on its successful multi-year strategy to effectively regulate the border; deter and dismantle smuggling or trafficking of aliens in the interior of the United States, as well as other immigration-related crime; identify and remove incarcerated criminal aliens from the United States; and reduce immigration benefit fraud and other document abuse.

INS will move forward with a broad spectrum of initiatives:

- The FY 2002 budget increases the level of U.S. Border Patrol agents by 570 to a record level of more than 10,000 agents, more than double the level in FY 1993. This continued expansion is part of the Administration's clear and firm commitment to improving control of the border. The budget increases resources for critical border technology by \$20 million and provides nearly \$43 million in construction funding to support Border Patrol enforcement efforts. INS will acquire and deploy additional Integrated Surveillance Intelligence Systems along the border for monitoring from remote sites.
- Supporting the need for both enforcement and facilitation at U.S. air and sea ports of entry, the budget includes: 417 airport and seaport Immigration Inspectors, 122 Inspections support personnel and an additional \$70 million in support funding from Immigration Passenger Fees.
- The budget request includes \$6.6 million and 78 positions to expand INS' intelligence capabilities at the borders. The Intelligence program provides strategic and tactical intelligence support to INS officers enforcing immigration laws and assists other federal agencies in addressing national security issues. These resources would be used to establish anti-smuggling intelligence units that focus on the northern border, collecting, analyzing and disseminating information to enhance border control operations at ports of entry. Resources would also be used to improve intelligence capabilities on the southern border in Arizona where expanded enforcement operations require greater support.
- In addition to the expansion of INS' more visible enforcement functions, additional funding will strengthen the detention and removal process. To that end, 173 positions and an additional \$88.8 million are requested in FY 2002 for detention and removal initiatives which increase detention bed spaces by 1,607 beds, expand national transportation, improve health services for detained aliens, and improve

coordination with U.S. Attorneys. Included in the \$88.8 million is a projected \$40 million in the Breached Bond/Detention Fund revenue which is anticipated as a result of the reauthorization of Section 245(i) adjustment-of-status program.

- INS processed more than one million naturalization applications during FY 2000, and plans to continue the quality and timely processing of applications. The FY 2002 budget \$100 million necessary to implement the first installment of the President’s five-year \$500 million initiative to process all applications within six months.
- The INS budget request also supports critical infrastructure requirements. It includes \$74.6 million for Border Patrol and detention construction projects. It also includes \$6 million for additional work to enhance border infrastructure through projects such as fences, roads and border barriers.

Summary of Immigration Budget Enhancements
(\$ in millions)

	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Positions</u>
BORDER MANAGEMENT		
Border Enforcement - Border Patrol Agents	\$75.0	570
Border Enforcement – Technology	20.0	–
Border Facilitation - Inspectors (Air and Sea) and Support Personnel	70.0	543
Intelligence Units	<u>6.6</u>	<u>78</u>
SUBTOTAL	171.6	1,191
DETENTION AND REMOVALS		
Consolidated Detention Bed Space Expansion	\$68.4	127
National Transportation System	8.8	--
Public Health	8.7	--
Coordination with US Attorneys	<u>2.9</u>	<u>46</u>
SUBTOTAL	88.8	173
INSTITUTIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE		
Border Patrol Construction Projects	\$36.7	--
Border Infrastructure	6.0	--
Detention Construction Projects	<u>31.9</u>	<u>--</u>
SUBTOTAL	74.6	--
IMMIGRATION SERVICES INITIATIVE		
Backlog Reduction	<u>\$45.0</u>	<u>--</u>
SUBTOTAL	45.0	--
TOTAL INCREASE REQUESTED	\$380.0	1,364