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Budget for Information Technology Reflects Administration Priorities, Commitment to Fiscal Restraint

Washington, DC – The President's 2005 Budget request includes nearly $60 billion dollars for Information Technology (IT) with a particular emphasis on winning the War on Terror.

"Government spending on Information Technology reflects this Administration's commitment to making our country safer. Of the nearly $60 billion dollars requested for IT projects this year, roughly $27 billion is directed to the Department of Defense while more than $10 billion directly supports homeland security," said Karen Evans, the Administrator for E-Government and Information Technology within the Office of Management and Budget.

The systems represented by this spending support Administration efforts to secure our nation and fight the War on Terror. The Department of Homeland Security's IT budget saw increases in key priority areas such as an additional $69 million to support border enforcement activities and an increase of $96 million to support Transportation Security Administration (TSA) equipment.

"The 2005 Budget also reaffirms the Administration's commitment to results-oriented management by reducing duplication in IT spending while providing common solutions for agency IT needs and improved service delivery for the citizen. Efforts by agencies to hold the cost of IT services and at the same time improve citizen satisfaction have generated some innovative solutions," Evans stated.
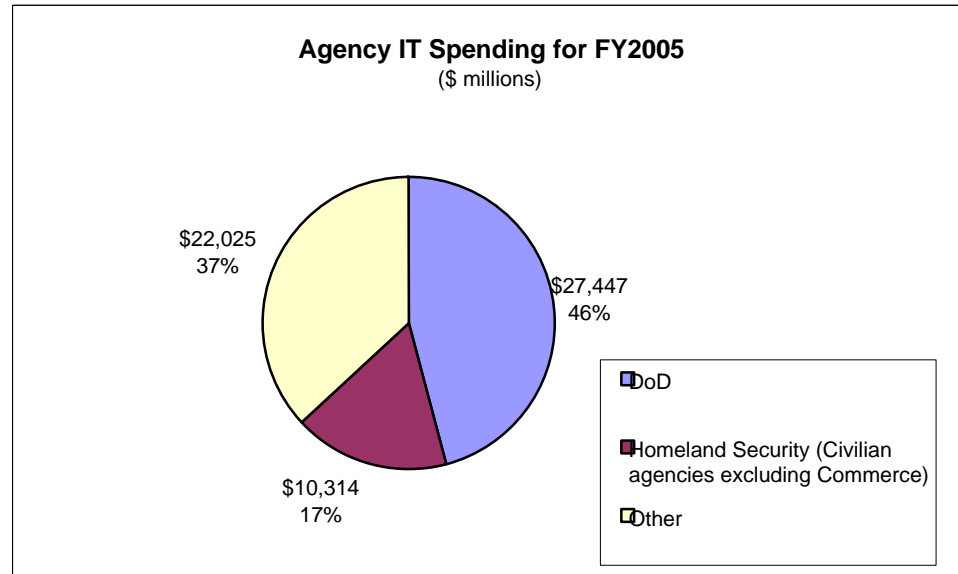
The Administration's continued emphasis on eliminating redundant IT investments drove agencies to examine IT spending and develop consolidated plans for technology acquisition and maintenance. For example, USDA conducted an extensive effort to identify opportunities to reduce redundancy and duplication within their IT portfolio. These efforts led to the department's consolidation of their portfolio and a $162 million savings from their FY2004 to FY2005 budget.

(The chart included shows spending on IT within three areas: Defense, Homeland Security, and among civilian agencies not related to defense or homeland security)

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Agency IT Spending for FY2005

	FY2005
Total	**$59,786**
DoD	$27,447
Homeland Security (Civilian agencies excluding Commerce)	$10,314
Other	$22,025

Agency IT Spending for FY2005
($ millions)

$22,025
37%

$27,447
46%

$10,314
17%

- DoD
- Homeland Security (Civilian agencies excluding Commerce)
- Other

Agency IT Spending for FY2004

	FY2004
Total	**$59,115**
DoD	$27,038
Homeland Security (Civilian agencies excluding Commerce)	$9,783
Other	$22,294

Agency IT Spending FY2004
($ millions)

$22,294
38%

$27,038
45%

$9,783
17%

- DoD
- Homeland Security (Civilian agencies excluding Commerce)
- Other