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FCC BUDGET OF \$280,798,000 PROPOSED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004

Washington, DC – The President has submitted a budget to Congress that proposes fiscal year 2004 funding for the Federal Communications Commission of \$280,798,000.

The requested FY 2004 funding level will cover mandatory increases for salaries and benefits and other areas and inflationary increases for contract services. The budget level also includes funds for additional staff to provide engineering expertise to ensure effective management of the electromagnetic spectrum and encourage the provision of new technologies and services to the public, continue infrastructure improvement for the laboratory facility, and enhance the audit capabilities of the Office of Inspector General.

The complete copy of the Commission's FY 2004 budget submission is available on the FCC's web site at: http://www.fcc.gov/Reports/fccbudget.html.

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