

# Fact Sheet

## The President's Fiscal 2003 Immigration Budget

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### Border Enforcement

The FY 2003 budget includes **\$711.7 million** and **1,790 new positions** to increase security at the borders of the United States while facilitating the legitimate flow of goods and people across those borders. This budget also includes \$105.9 million to continue emergency counter-terrorism supplemental initiatives begun in FY 2002. Terrorists exploit legal and illegal means of coming to and remaining in the United States. INS enforcement activities continue to focus on protecting America from terrorism.

With this budget, INS will advance strategic control of the Northern border while continuing to expand control of the Southwestern border. INS will also expand border enforcement functions beyond the physical borders of the United States through technology, cooperative international initiatives, and intelligence.

The FY 2003 budget includes an additional 570 Border Patrol Agents (\$76.3 million). With this increase, INS will achieve the goal of hiring the 5,000 agents authorized by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996. The President has also identified \$488 million in resources to continue securing the nation's ports-of-entry. These resources support the addition of 1,160 new Immigration Inspectors and the development of an entry-exit system.

### Border Control at the Ports-of-Entry

The FY 2003 budget will provide funds to hire an additional 1,160 Immigration Inspectors. Of these, 460 will be deployed to land border ports, 615 to airports, and 85 to seaports. Immigration Inspectors are critical to protecting the nation's security. They are charged with intercepting terrorists, smugglers, other criminals, and undocumented migrants seeking admission to the United States at the ports-of-entry while efficiently managing lawful travel and commerce across the borders. While ensuring the integrity of our borders remains our highest priority, INS expects to meet traffic management goals of processing 79 percent of all commercial airline passengers and 90 percent of land border crossers through primary inspection within 30 minutes. **(\$85.5 million)**

The FY 2003 budget also requests resources for the development and infrastructure requirements for an entry-exit system. Of the \$380 million in the request, \$362 million is from new resources. This system will implement departure control, track the arrival and departures of all aliens, and monitor alien overstays. INS, in conjunction with U.S. Customs Service, Department of State, and other Federal agencies, will design, develop and deploy this system. As part of this effort, INS will acquire technology, modify facilities and make other infrastructure changes. INS' goal is to complete implementation by the end of FY 2004. **(\$380 million)**

The FY 2003 budget also provides funding for the renovation of three Northern border ports. The ports at Porthill, ID; Fort Fairfield, ME; and Portal, ND, require new infrastructure for the additional personnel and expanding technology along the Northern border. These

projects are in addition to the \$60 million provided in FY 2002 for remote housing and facility changes to accommodate the entry-exit system. Additional facility modifications are also requested in the FY 2003 entry-exit request. **(\$22.5 million)**

### **Border Control between the Ports-of-Entry**

The FY 2003 request will add 570 Border Patrol agents. Half of these agents will be deployed to the Northern Border. The remaining 285 new agents will be deployed along the nine corridors on the Southwest border that account for more than 80 percent of all illegal traffic into the United States. This will bring the authorized staffing for the Southwest and coastal borders to 9,829 agents. The 285 agents deployed to the Northern border will result in a total of 898 agents on the Northern border, a 244-percent increase over current on-board staffing. **(\$101.3 million)**

The request will also ensure that the Northern, Southwestern and coastal borders all have dedicated air surveillance programs capable of responding on a 24-hour basis and that INS can sustain the positive deterrent that is the result of nine years of resource build-up along U.S. borders. **(\$10 million)**

The request includes resources for enforcement systems technology (ENFORCE). The INS ENFORCE system is the principal database and processing system for enforcement operations. Included in this request are resources to enhance the Border Patrol, Investigations, Intelligence, and Detention modules of the system. Live scan 10-print fingerprint access to the FBI and other law enforcement databases will be made available to Border Patrol sites. High-priority interfaces with other INS data sources and other Federal databases would be expanded, thereby increasing the integration of intelligence and case management data. These initiatives will ensure that all INS law enforcement personnel have the biometric identification tools and biographic data needed. **In addition, the budget includes \$51.7 million to continue emergency counter-terrorism supplemental activities** to deploy force-multiplying equipment to monitor isolated areas where illegal entry may once have occurred. **(\$28 million)**

The FY 2003 budget completes a number of ongoing construction and engineering projects, and continues leasehold projects in support of the Border Patrol. Of the \$163.8 million being requested, \$120.5 million is new resources. These projects will improve operational infrastructure on the Northern and Southwestern borders to a level that is adequate and safe for staff and detainees, and includes construction, alteration and leasing of station buildings; construction of border roads, fence and vehicle barrier systems and border lighting systems; and emergency maintenance and repairs to existing infrastructure. **(\$120.5 million)**

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<b>FY 2003 Program Improvements</b>	<b>Amount (\$ in millions)</b>
<b>Border Control at the Ports-of-Entry</b>	
New Immigration Inspectors 460 Land Border 615 Airport 85 Seaport	85.5
Renovation of Three Northern Border Port-of-Entry Facilities	22.5
Entry-Exit System (System Development and Infrastructure) (includes \$18 million in base resources)	380.0
<b>Border Control Between the Ports</b>	
New Border Patrol Agents 285 Northern Border 285 Southwestern Border	101.3
Rotary Wing Aircraft	10.0
Enforcement Systems Technology	28.0
<b>Construction, Renovation and/or Leasing of Border Patrol Facilities</b> Station Buildings, Processing Rooms, Vehicle Maintenance Areas and Supporting Infrastructure Traffic Checkpoint Systems Permanent Lights, Barriers, Fences, Roads	120.5
<b>Continuation of Emergency Supplemental Activities</b>	105.9