

Fact Sheet

The President's Fiscal 2003 Immigration Budget

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Support & Administration

The FY 2003 budget will provide **\$143.5 million** and **286 new positions** for several initiatives aimed at improving administrative support for INS enforcement and services operations. In addition, the budget continues efforts under the FY 2002 emergency counter-terrorism supplemental (\$53.3 million). INS must provide its workforce with adequate facilities, upgraded management information systems, and sufficient support staff. These and other support resources are critical to building and sustaining the success of INS' enforcement and service activities.

Information Resources Management

The FY 2003 budget includes **\$83.4 million** and **15 new positions** for various improvements to information technology (IT) systems, including hardware, system software, communications equipment and infrastructure elements. These resources are required to design, build and sustain an IT infrastructure that can accommodate the steadily increasing workload and rapidly growing workforce. The funds will be used as follows:

- **\$13.4 million** to provide a secure foundation for INS' IT infrastructure. This includes enhancing the ability to authenticate legitimate INS users, detect intruders, maintain an effective firewall, and accommodate future public use of INS systems. This funding will also improve cryptographic services, secure remote access, emergency response operations, and other security-related capabilities;
- **\$20.9 million** to build a common computing environment that can provide INS users with high-speed communications, fully connected workstations, and support equipment as part of a continuous technology assessment and upgrade strategy;
- **\$31 million** for planning and performance measurement, including cost/schedule analysis. These activities are critical to ensuring IT projects are based on sound strategic and tactical plans which integrate new systems with existing ones as part of the overall enterprise architecture for the agency, Department of Justice, and Federal government;
- **\$2.5 million** for Electronic Access and E-Government. This will provide INS users with enhanced support in using the Internet for filing applications, paying fees, or doing other business with the agency; and
- **\$15.6 million**, and 15 positions, for infrastructure engineering to establish better accountability and control of all IT assets. This will include better management of hardware maintenance, software distribution, and help desk support systems.

Physical Security and Staffing

The budget includes **\$13 million** and **172 positions** to improve security at the 157 INS locations identified as being deficient in security surveys of the U.S. Marshals Service and compliance reviews by INS and the Department of Justice. This will provide the personnel necessary to meet the security requirements at all INS locations.

Legal Support

The budget will provide **\$6.1 million** and **99 positions**, including attorneys, paralegals and legal assistants. This increase will support casework generated by new Border Patrol Agents and will enable INS to litigate “special interest” cases involving terrorism, counterintelligence, national security, organized crime, human rights violators and other sensitive and high-profile immigration-related matters. It will also support the Office of Immigration Litigation and the U.S. Attorneys’ Offices in collateral Federal court litigation

Program Evaluation

The budget includes **\$1 million** to develop, in consultation with the other Federal agencies, new methodologies for estimating the number of legal permanent and temporary residents in the United States. INS will produce an annual series of reports on these populations. Information on the size of the legal permanent resident population is needed by policymakers, researchers, and the public to assess the impact of changes in immigration law and address immigration issues in local areas. INS will also use this information to estimate its resource needs.

INS Restructuring

During FY 2003, INS expects to implement a major restructuring that will separate its enforcement and services functions. The budget provides **\$40 million** to support this restructuring. These funds will be used for the cost of facilities, as well as buy-outs, relocations, and contractor support.

FY 2003 Program Improvements	Total (\$ in millions)
Information Resources Management 15 positions	83.4
Physical Security and Staffing 172 positions	13.0
Legal Support 99 positions	6.1
Program Evaluation	1.0
INS Restructuring	40.0
Continuation of Emergency Supplemental Activities	53.3