

Section 796. The conference agreement includes language regarding Child and Adult Care Food Program audit funds.

Section 797. The conference agreement includes language regarding the Grassland Reserve Program.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 2005 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 2004 amount, the 2005 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 2005 follow:

[In thousands of dollars]	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2004	\$86,761,836
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2005	83,586,539
House bill, fiscal year 2005	83,670,594
Senate bill, fiscal year 2005	84,053,760
Conference agreement, fiscal year 2005	86,190,567
Conference agreement compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2004	- 571,269
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2005	+2,604,028
House bill, fiscal year 2005	+2,519,973
Senate bill, fiscal year 2005	+2,136,807

DIVISION B—DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conferees recommend a total of \$124,100,000 for General Administration, Salaries and Expenses, instead of \$97,856,000 as proposed by the House and \$141,466,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes the following program increases: \$100,000 and 2 positions for the Office of Public Affairs; \$6,592,000 and 30 positions for the Office of Intelligence Policy and Review; \$200,000 for diversity programs; and \$250,000 to enhance attorney recruitment and retention through the Student Loan Repayment Program.

In addition, the conferees strongly support the request for the Justice Unified Telecom Network, Public Key Infrastructure, Enterprise Architecture, Information Sharing Initiative, Information Technology Project Oversight, Investment Management, E-gov initiatives, and the Unified Financial Management System (UFMS). The conference agreement provides \$1,073,000 in additional direct appropriations for the Chief Information Officer's highest priority needs and an additional \$1,000,000 for the UFMS. The conferees support additional funding for these initiatives through the recovery of obligated but unexpended funds transferred to the Working Capital Fund, or through other sources, subject to section 605 of this Act.

The conferees direct the Department of Justice to provide quarterly reports describing Department resources dedicated to Indian

Country and the activities of the Indian Gaming Working Group. Additionally, the Department shall also provide quarterly reports to Congress detailing efforts to reduce the violent victimization of Native Americans, including efforts to reduce murder rates, serious assaults, violence against women, and child abuse. These reports shall include: the number of agents assigned to Indian Country; man-hours worked in Indian Country; the amount and type of training provided; the number of matters initiated; the number of cases; the number of subjects/defendants; the number of convictions; and the amount of restitution ordered.

The conferees adopt by reference the Senate report language directing the Office of the Chief Information Officer to evaluate commercially-proven enterprise data warehousing and analytic systems and to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations summarizing the findings on this technology's applicability to the counterterrorism mission not later than March 31, 2005.

The conference agreement includes necessary sums to continue efforts to replace locks used to store classified information.

The conference agreement adopts by reference the House report language concerning budget models and directs that the Department of Justice submit a report, no later than August 1, 2005, describing how the hiring of an investigator impacts the workload of the U.S. Attorneys, the U.S. Marshals Service, the Detention Trustee, and the Federal Prison System.

In addition to the concerns stated above, the conferees have expressed concerns elsewhere in the report about the rationale underlying the allocation of staffing between the litigating divisions and the United States Attorneys. The conferees believe that it is critical that the Department of Justice take a systemic approach to resource requests and subsequent allocations. With that in mind, the conferees direct the Government Accountability Office to initiate a review of the Department of Justice resource planning and allocation processes, with particular emphasis on consistency of resource allocation within the operating year with national law enforcement priorities, in particular the counterterrorism and counterintelligence priorities, articulated by the Administration and supported by the Committees on Appropriations.

The conference agreement adopts by reference the House report language concerning fast track programs and directs the Department of Justice to submit a report within 45 days of enactment of this Act providing a list of the fast track programs operating throughout the country, and an estimate of the resources the Department of Justice saves and the costs that are avoided by these programs. The report shall also discuss opportunities to expand fast track programs to other districts.

The conferees believe that the Department of Justice needs to coordinate its efforts to address gang-related crimes. The Department of Justice is directed to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations no later than 30 days after enactment of this Act on how the Department is addressing gang issues throughout the country.

The conference agreement adopts by reference the House report language concerning the establishment of an international law enforcement alliance.

Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties.—The conference agreement includes not less than \$690,000 for the salaries and benefits of this office including funding for 2 additional professional staff positions. The conference agreement adopts by reference the House report language requiring the submission of a report detailing the specific responsibilities and authorities of the Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties within 30 days of enactment of this Act. In addition, the Department of Justice shall report to the Committees on Appropriations annually on the activities of this office.

Debt Collection.—The Government Accountability Office recently found that outstanding criminal debt as reported by the Department of Justice totaled about \$25,000,000,000 as of September 30, 2002, almost double the amount reported by Justice 3 years earlier. Moreover, the Department of Justice reported collecting only about \$800,000,000 of criminal debt for fiscal year 2002.

In view of the increase in reported outstanding criminal debt and low collections of such debt, the conferees are concerned that the Department of Justice along with other agencies still has not taken action to develop a strategic plan for improving criminal debt collection. The conferees understand one of the reasons for this outstanding criminal debt is that the Mandatory Victims Restitution Act of 1996 makes restitution mandatory in all violent crimes and most property crimes regardless of a defendant's ability to pay. Nevertheless, there appears to be criminal debt that may be collectible.

To address the large balances of outstanding criminal debt, the conferees direct the Attorney General to establish a task force within 90 days of enactment of this Act that includes other Federal agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department of the Treasury, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, to participate in the task force. Led by the Department of Justice, the task force will be responsible for developing a strategic plan for improving criminal debt collection. The strategic plan shall include specific approaches for better managing, accounting for, reporting, and collecting criminal debt. Specifically, the plan shall include steps that can be taken to better and more promptly identify all collectible criminal debt so that a meaningful allowance for uncollectable criminal debt can be reported and used for measuring debt collection performance. The conferees direct the Attorney General to report to the Committees on Appropriations within 180 days of enactment of this Act on the activities of the task force and the development of a strategic plan.

Fugitive Apprehension.—In an October 19, 2004, report, the Department of Justice acknowledges that “the United States Marshals Service is the federal government’s primary agency for apprehending fugitives”. While the Department does not recommend transferring fugitive apprehension activities to the USMS to ensure continued departmental management flexibility, it recognizes that USMS fugitive efforts free up resources for other Federal law enforcement agencies to focus on their core missions. For example, the report states that for the past 15 years, the USMS has been responsible for the apprehension of many DEA fugitives, leaving DEA agents free to develop new drug crime cases.

The conferees are aware that the USMS arrest statistics far exceed other Federal law enforcement agencies. The conferees also understand that the statistical success, in terms of the number of Federal, state, and local warrants closed, has coincided with the on-going development of the regional fugitive task forces, showing a benefit of linking performance with budget. While the conferees recognize the Department's desire not to consolidate fugitive apprehension activities under one component, the conferees strongly urge the Department to update its 1988 memorandum of understanding to provide greater latitude for the USMS and to promote greater inter-agency cooperation. The conferees commend the USMS, DEA, Interpol, and ATF in its continuing efforts to coordinate investigations.

JOINT AUTOMATED BOOKING SYSTEM

The conference agreement includes \$20,185,000 for the continued operation of the Joint Automated Booking System (JABS), as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$20,000,000 as proposed by the House.

AUTOMATED BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM/INTEGRATED AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM

The conference agreement includes \$5,054,000 for this account, as provided by the House and Senate.

The conferees are troubled by the security gap on the nation's borders caused by delays in linking the Automated Biometrics Identification System (IDENT), the fingerprint database managed by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and US Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology (US-VISIT), with criminal history data contained in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS). The conferees understand that by the end of calendar year 2004, interoperability will exist at airports, seaports, and the largest and busiest Border Patrol stations and land ports of entry. CBP and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) locations will not be completed until December 31, 2005. With implementation of a new visa tracking system and enrollment of millions of visitors into US-VISIT, it is essential that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) collaborate with the Directorate of Border and Transportation Security to ensure that IDENT and US-VISIT can retrieve, in real time, biometric information contained in the IAFIS database, and that the IAFIS database can retrieve, in real time, biometric information contained in IDENT and US-VISIT.

The conferees direct the Department of Justice and the Department of State, in coordination with the Under Secretary for Border and Transportation Security (BTS), to report, not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act, on the status of efforts to achieve real time interoperability between these systems, including steps the Departments will take to integrate IAFIS into IDENT and US-VISIT, funds needed, and a timetable for full interoperability of these systems. This report should address the recommendations from the March, 2004, Department of Justice Inspector General re-

port, which documented the need to integrate existing biometric databases.

LEGAL ACTIVITIES OFFICE AUTOMATION

The conference agreement provides \$40,510,000 for this account, which is equal to the amended budget request. The conferees support additional funding for this program through the recovery of obligated but unexpended funds transferred to the Working Capital Fund, or through other sources, subject to section 605 of this Act.

NARROWBAND COMMUNICATIONS

The conference agreement includes \$100,000,000 for Narrowband Communications, as proposed by the House, instead of \$68,021,000 as proposed by the Senate.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AND APPEALS

The conference agreement includes \$203,965,000 for this account, instead of \$202,518,000 as proposed by the House and \$205,411,000 as proposed by the Senate. The funding level provides for the annualization costs associated with filling immigration judge vacancies.

It is the conferees' understanding that the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) has issued interim procedural guidelines for the adjudication of unaccompanied alien children's cases before immigration judges. The conferees commend EOIR for this initiative. The conferees further urge EOIR to dedicate resources from its appropriation to developing and implementing policies and procedural guidelines as well as training programs for judges and pro bono attorneys in this area in order to protect the children's due process rights under the Immigration and Nationality Act—including their right to apply for forms of relief from removal—and to further their access to pro bono representation rights, due process and relief under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

DETENTION TRUSTEE

The conference agreement includes \$885,994,000 for the Detention Trustee, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$938,810,000 as proposed by the House. The conferees are aware that the Trustee has made progress in refining the detention forecasting model, which will provide better projections for this account, and the conferees encourage the much-needed work to continue. The conferees believe that the Trustee should review the entire Federal detention process from commencement to incarceration to identify greater efficiencies in operations. The conferees anticipate that these efforts will result in cost savings. When the Trustee can provide assurance of the funding needs for this account, the Committees will consider options for providing additional resources. The conferees also direct the Attorney General to ensure that the Department's entire law enforcement agenda, including its prosecutorial policies and detention resources, is thoroughly considered when determining the future funding needs for this account.

The conference agreement incorporates by reference Senate report language that prohibits any construction, planning, support, or contracting of new detention facilities and directs the Detention Trustee to withdraw any solicitations for such activities.

The Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System (JPATS) has become an increasingly complex system, in part because its biggest user is now Immigration and Customs Enforcement within the Department of Homeland Security. The conferees expect that the United States Marshals Service will continue to operate JPATS, but believe the Federal Detention Trustee, as an independent entity that oversees detention issues for the Department, must play a heightened role with this program. The conferees therefore direct the Trustee to address immediate and long-term planning, management, and policy issues with JPATS, with the goal of improving efficiencies and ensuring equality among participating agencies, and to submit a report on those efforts to the Committees on Appropriations, no later than May 31, 2005.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The conference agreement includes \$63,813,000 for the Office of Inspector General, as proposed by the House, instead of \$63,187,000 as proposed by the Senate.

UNITED STATES PAROLE COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$10,638,000 for the United States Parole Commission, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$10,650,000 as proposed by the House. The conferees adopt by reference House language regarding a study required under Public Law 107-273.

LEGAL ACTIVITIES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, GENERAL LEGAL ACTIVITIES

The conference agreement includes \$634,193,000 for General Legal Activities, instead of \$639,314,000 as proposed by the House and \$623,364,000 as proposed by the Senate. The distribution of funding provided is as follows:

General legal activities

[In thousands of dollars]

	<i>2005 appropriation</i>
Office of the Solicitor General	\$8,245
Tax Division	81,399
Criminal Division	137,177
Civil Division	188,754
Environment and Natural Resources Division	90,856
Office of Legal Counsel	5,858
Civil Rights Division	109,141
Interpol USNCB	12,426
Office of Dispute Resolution	337
Total	634,193

The funding provided is equal to the requested current services level less requested program reductions for the Department of Jus-

tice's litigating divisions. The conferees understand the Department has reviewed the allocation of attorneys between headquarters and the field. The conferees further understand that the Department believes that 59 attorney positions should be realigned from headquarters litigating divisions to those U.S. Attorney Offices that have a critical shortage of attorney resources to address priority areas such as counter-terrorism, drugs, violent crime, corporate fraud, and immigration. The conferees applaud the Department's efforts to allocate attorney positions to where they can be most productive. The conferees understand this will be a multi-year effort and, therefore, have not provided any of the increases in attorney positions for the litigating divisions at this time. Within the level of funding provided, the conferees expect attorney resources to be provided to the Department's highest priorities, including counterterrorism, violent crime and corporate fraud.

The conferees direct the Attorney General to submit a detailed study to the Committees on Appropriations, not later than January 3, 2005, providing the criteria the Department would use to determine which litigating division positions would be reallocated to the field; the criteria that would be used to determine which U.S. Attorney Offices would be allocated additional positions; and a cross-walk showing the proposed allocation of attorney positions from each legal division to each district.

The conference agreement fully funds the Civil Rights Division's efforts to combat human trafficking and the conferees expect the Department of Justice to continue submitting yearly updates regarding efforts to address human trafficking.

The conferees expect the Department of Justice to submit a reprogramming for costs associated with continuing tobacco and other litigation activities, should funding be warranted.

The conferees are aware that the parties to *Irvin Rosner, et al., v. United States of America* have agreed to mediation and to the selection of a mediator. Given that this case involves elderly Holocaust survivors, the conferees believe that the Department of Justice should proceed with this mediation in a compassionate and expeditious manner in order to reach a fair resolution.

The conferees direct the Department of Justice to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations not later than April 10, 2005, on proposals to leverage the United States National Central Bureau's network as a means to effectively share national security related information with State and local law enforcement agencies.

THE NATIONAL CHILDHOOD VACCINE INJURY ACT

The conference agreement includes a reimbursement of \$6,333,000 from the Vaccine Injury Compensation Trust Fund to the Department of Justice, as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, ANTITRUST DIVISION

The conference agreement includes \$138,763,000 for the Antitrust Division, which is the same as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$135,463,000 as proposed by the House. The conference agreement incorporates by reference Senate report language regarding additional resources.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS

The conference agreement includes \$1,547,519,000 for the United States Attorneys instead of \$1,535,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$1,532,154,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes a program increase of \$5,762,000 for 66 additional positions, including 44 attorneys, for additional terrorism and criminal prosecutions. The conference agreement also includes an additional \$3,029,000 for 32 additional positions, including 25 attorneys, to address gang-related crimes.

Project Seahawk.—The conference agreement includes \$5,000,000 for the continuation of Project Seahawk, a pilot project to enhance intermodal security and law enforcement within our Nation's coastal cities. The pilot will provide a national model for cities that experience heavy volumes of intermodal traffic by establishing a streamlined process to address criminal activity that may compromise or impede the movement of intermodal traffic within the U.S. Project Seahawk shall continue to be coordinated under the U.S. Attorneys and include Federal, State, and local law enforcement.

Legal Education.—The conference agreement provides \$18,266,000 for legal education and distance learning at the National Advocacy Center (NAC). NAC State and local training funds are provided under the Office of Justice Programs.

Violent Crime Task Forces.—The conference agreement includes \$1,500,000 to continue and expand task force activities associated with Operation Streetsweeper.

The conference agreement adopts by reference the House and Senate language providing \$10,000,000 for cybercrime and intellectual property enforcement and requiring the submission of a report by April 30, 2005, on the number, types, and locations of copyright prosecutions undertaken during the previous fiscal year.

The conference agreement adopts by reference the House report language concerning public corruption.

UNITED STATES TRUSTEE SYSTEM FUND

The conference agreement includes \$173,602,000 for this account, instead of \$172,850,000 as proposed by the House and \$174,355,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees support the requested information technology enhancements and expect the Trustees to fund the request to the maximum extent possible. The conference agreement incorporates by reference the Senate report language directing the Trustees to consult with the Department's Chief Information Officer before obligating its information technology funds. The conference agreement includes not less than \$750,000 for the Bankruptcy Training Center at the National Advocacy Center in support of the Trustees' continuing education program.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION

The conference agreement includes \$1,220,000 for this account, as proposed by both the House and Senate.

UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$751,985,000 for the United States Marshals Service (USMS), instead of \$752,070,000 as proposed by the House and \$744,725,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement provides funding for USMS construction under a separate heading, as proposed by the House. The conference agreement includes the base reductions and streamlining efficiencies included in the budget request.

The conference agreement incorporates by reference the Senate report language regarding submission of a spending plan and the timely release of funds to programs.

The conferees are pleased that the USMS has made a concerted effort to fill critically-needed supervisory deputy marshal positions in the districts; boosted its on-board staffing levels throughout the agency; allocated positions based on performance; addressed its information technology infrastructure weaknesses; and improved its overall financial management practices. In many areas, the USMS has demonstrated marked improvements and is urged to continue these practices.

Protection of the Judicial Process.—The conference agreement includes the requested increase of \$8,897,000 and 94 positions to enhance protection of the Federal Judiciary. When determining resource allocations, the USMS should be mindful of the recent recommendations of the Department's Inspector General.

Witness Security.—The conference agreement includes the requested increase of \$1,922,000 and 15 positions for the witness security program.

Information Technology.—The conference agreement includes the requested increase of \$478,000 and 5 positions to meet information technology (IT) requirements. The conferees direct the USMS to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations, no later than March 17, 2005, on IT needs throughout the USMS and a plan to address those needs, including funding requirements.

Central Courthouse Management Group.—The conference agreement provides \$4,226,000 for the Central Courthouse Management Group (CCMG), including \$3,968,000 in base resources for 34 existing CCMG positions, two restored positions, and an additional \$258,000 for three new CCMG positions, of which two shall be GS-14 positions.

Courthouse Security Equipment.—The conference agreement provides a program increase of \$5,050,000, for a total of \$11,580,000, for preventive maintenance and repair of courthouse security equipment to be allocated to the USMS's highest priority needs. The conference agreement incorporates by reference Senate report language directing the USMS to report to the Committees on Appropriations within 30 days of enactment of this Act on the allocation of this funding. The conferees expect no less than this amount to recur in future budget submissions to address the courthouse security equipment needs of the USMS.

Regional Fugitive Task Forces.—The conference agreement provides \$17,988,000 for the Regional Fugitive Task Forces (RFTF), which includes base resources for the 38 existing RFTF positions,

and an additional \$2,439,000 for 17 new positions to staff these task forces, including supervisory personnel. Available resources can also be used for the district-managed task forces.

Technical Operations Group.—The conference agreement provides \$17,216,000 for the Technical Operations Group (TOG), which includes base resources for the 50 existing TOG positions, an additional \$632,000 for three restored positions and one new position, and an additional \$2,000,000 for non-personnel expenses.

International Fugitives.—The conference agreement provides \$4,459,000 for the International Fugitive Apprehension Program, which includes base resources for the four existing international positions and an additional \$1,086,000 for three new GS-13 deputies at the existing foreign offices. The conferees also direct the USMS to submit a five-year plan for this program, including a time-line and cost estimate to open additional international offices that are critical to the USMS fugitive apprehension mission.

Analytical Support Unit.—The conference agreement provides \$3,835,000 in base resources for the Analytical Support Unit (ASU), including \$1,069,000 for eight existing positions and \$2,766,000 (excluding a \$500,000 transfer from the Justice Detainee Information System) to improve and maintain the Warrant Information Network and to continue subscriptions to various government and private networks and on-line services.

Special Operations Group.—The conference agreement provides \$2,835,000 in base resources for the Special Operations Group (SOG), which includes funding for the 11 existing SOG positions. In addition, the conferees direct the USMS to transfer the funding, duties, and personnel of the Hazardous Response Unit (HRU) to SOG, and to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations no later than April 5, 2005, on any additional personnel and funding requirements that will accompany the HRU transfer, as well as on the proper location of such transferred personnel.

Vehicles.—The conferees commend the USMS on its efforts to modernize its vehicle infrastructure. Over the last three years, the conferees have included funding for the USMS to replace older vehicles and recognize that under the new vehicle allocation formula, older vehicles are excessed when new vehicles are allocated. Districts no longer are allowed to expand their fleets by keeping vehicles well beyond their useful lifecycle. The conferees expect this trend to continue and for the USMS to continue modernizing its fleet.

CONSTRUCTION

The conference agreement includes \$5,734,000 for this account, instead of \$1,371,000 as proposed by the House. The Senate provided funding for construction in the salaries and expenses account. These funds shall be allocated to the USMS's highest priority construction needs. The conference agreement incorporates by reference the Senate report language directing the USMS to report to the Committees on Appropriations within 30 days of enactment of this Act on the allocation of funding for this program. To the extent that slippages occur throughout the year, however, other priority projects can be undertaken. The conferees expect no less than

this amount to recur in future budget submissions to address the construction needs of the USMS.

FEES AND EXPENSES OF WITNESSES

The conference agreement includes \$177,585,000 for Fees and Expenses of Witnesses, as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES, COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE

The conference agreement includes \$9,664,000 for the Community Relations Service, instead of \$9,833,000 as proposed by the House and \$9,494,000 as proposed by the Senate.

ASSETS FORFEITURE FUND

The conference agreement includes \$21,759,000 for the Assets Forfeiture Fund, as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

PAYMENT TO RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION TRUST FUND

The conference agreement includes \$27,800,000 for this account, instead of \$72,000,000 as proposed by the House. The conferees understand that \$27,800,000 will fully fund the Department of Justice's current estimate of payments for eligible claimants through fiscal year 2005.

INTERAGENCY LAW ENFORCEMENT

INTERAGENCY CRIME AND DRUG ENFORCEMENT

The conference agreement provides \$561,033,000 for this account, as proposed by the House, instead of \$295,409,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement does not adopt the Senate proposal to move management of this program to the Director of the Executive Office of the United States Attorneys. The conference agreement provides the following amounts to reimburse Federal agencies for their costs to participate in these task forces:

Reimbursement by Agency

[Dollars in thousands]

	<i>Amount</i>
Department of Justice Agencies:	
Drug Enforcement Administration	\$191,112
Federal Bureau of Investigation	135,859
United States Marshals Service	6,431
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives	11,228
United States Attorneys	118,083
Criminal Division	2,941
Tax Division	975
Administrative Office	5,565
Non-Justice Agencies:	
Internal Revenue Services	54,643
United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement	33,589
Coast Guard	607
Total	\$561,033

The conference agreement provides the following increases: \$6,113,000 for adjustments to base; \$14,623,000 for 172 additional U.S. Attorney positions; \$4,320,000 for 14 additional U.S. Marshals

Service positions; \$6,344,000 and 60 positions for the Drug Intelligence Fusion Center; and \$13,240,000 for the Drug Enforcement Administration including \$10,465,000 for 79 additional positions and \$2,775,000 for additional operational costs.

The conferees note that the Administration chose not to comply with the direction provided in the fiscal year 2004 Conference Report that participation of the Departments of Homeland Security and Treasury should not be included in the Department of Justice budget request. The participation of these entities should be budgeted by those respective departments. While the conferees are aware of the critical role of the Departments of Homeland Security and Treasury, the conference agreement is unable to fully fund the request for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) while meeting the resource needs of the Department of Justice. The conferees understand that carryover balances from fiscal year 2004 are available in fiscal year 2005. These balances may be utilized, through the regular reprogramming process under section 605 of this Act, to provide additional funding to IRS and ICE if warranted.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$5,205,028,000 for the Federal Bureau of Investigation Salaries and Expenses account as proposed by the House, instead of \$4,990,728,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement funds the Foreign Terrorist Tracking Task Force, the Terrorist Screening Center, and the FBI's costs associated with the Terrorist Threat Integration Center under this heading as proposed by the House, instead of under a separate heading as proposed by the Senate. Construction costs are funded under a separate heading as proposed by the House.

Directorate of Intelligence.—The conference agreement adopts the House report language establishing a Directorate of Intelligence. The conferees applaud the improvements the FBI has made in transforming itself from an agency whose primary mission was to investigate traditional crimes, to an agency whose top priority is to prevent terrorism. However, more institutional changes are needed for the FBI's intelligence program, a critical component of an effective terrorism prevention strategy. Toward that end, the conference agreement adopts the House report language directing the FBI to create a new Directorate of Intelligence, led by the Executive Assistant Director for Intelligence. This new directorate shall have broad and clear authority over intelligence-related functions. The need for effective intelligence capabilities cuts across all FBI programs including the counterterrorism, counterintelligence, criminal and cyber crime programs. This new directorate will ensure that intelligence is shared across these programs, eliminate information stove-piping, and allow the FBI to quickly adapt as threats change. The new directorate will have responsibility for operational elements including those of the Office of Intelligence, the FBI's Terrorist Threat Integration Center participation, the Foreign Terrorist Tracking Task Force, and the Terrorist Screening Center. It will also include programmatic elements representing

analyst and administrative components across the FBI, such as training, recruitment, information technology, and security. This directorate shall be responsible for enhancing the FBI's ability to recruit and retain the highest quality intelligence staff, including attracting individuals with educational and professional backgrounds in intelligence, international relations, language, technology and other relevant skills. It shall also work to improve the FBI's capability to share intelligence, not only within the Bureau and the Intelligence Community, but also with State and local law enforcement. Further, it shall ensure that intelligence-related performance criteria are in place for agents and analysts, and develop a process for agents to receive a formal Intelligence Officer Certification. The FBI is directed to submit quarterly reports updating the Committees on Appropriations on the continued transformation, including the FBI's efforts to ensure that the priorities and operations in all of the Bureau's field offices and resident agencies match national priorities.

The conferees note that the 9/11 Commission Report endorsed many of the intelligence reforms proposed in the House bill. The conferees appreciate the assistance the Government Accountability Office, the National Academy of Public Administration, and the Congressional Research Service have provided to the Committees on Appropriations in reviewing the FBI's operations and making recommendations to improve the Bureau. The conferees expect the FBI to continue to work with these organizations and others in fiscal year 2005 to review and improve their operations.

Budget Structure.—The conference agreement adopts the budget decision unit structure proposed by the House. The conferees note that this identical budget structure was recommended by the 9/11 Commission. The new budget structure will align the FBI's budget with its organizational structure by collapsing the ten budget decision units used in previous years to four decision units. There will be a decision unit for each Executive Assistant Director (EAD) with the exception of the EAD for Administration. The costs associated with program administration will be spread to the four other decision units in order to capture the full costs of each program. This new decision unit structure will not only empower the new Director of Intelligence, but will enhance the ability of the EADs for Counterterrorism and Counterintelligence, Criminal, and Criminal Justice Services to manage their programs by unifying their budgets. The following distribution represents the conference agreement. The conferees remind the FBI that changes in this distribution are subject to the reprogramming requirements of section 605 of this Act.

FBI SALARIES AND EXPENSES

[Dollars in thousands]

Decision unit	POS	FTE	Amount
Intelligence	4,703	4,291	\$792,033
Counterterrorism and Counterintelligence	10,549	10,268	1,979,378
Criminal	12,852	12,578	2,156,421
Criminal Justice Services	1,935	1,945	277,196
Total	30,039	29,082	5,205,028

The recommendation includes increases of \$204,515,000 for adjustments to base to support the current operating level. The recommendation includes the following program increases as requested: \$13,400,000 and 151 positions for the Office of Intelligence; \$14,307,000 and 89 intelligence and counterterrorism positions for headquarters program support; \$45,954,000 and 259 positions for counterterrorism field investigations; \$12,838,000 and 86 positions for language services; \$11,155,000 and 14 positions for legal attaché offices in Beirut, Lebanon; Baghdad, Iraq; Dakar, Senegal; Kuwait City, Kuwait; and Cape Town, South Africa; \$9,000,000 for the Chemical, Biological and Radiological Forensic Analysis Counterterrorism Program; \$29,000,000 for the operational costs of the Terrorist Screening Center; \$35,470,000 for the relocation of portions of the Counterterrorism Division to the Hazel-Peterson Building; \$63,754,000 and 294 positions for the counterintelligence program; \$58,257,000 and 188 positions for cyber investigations including \$3,000,000 for Innocent Images; \$46,508,000 and 65 positions for information and physical security improvements; \$20,000,000 for technology investments including \$12,000,000 for TS/SCI LAN field installations and \$8,000,000 for enterprise architecture activities; \$16,000,000 and 12 positions to support the integration of IDENT/IAFIS; \$1,785,000 and 10 positions to support the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section; \$1,831,000 and 16 positions for the Lost Innocence National Initiative to address the problem of children forced into prostitution; \$1,213,000 and 8 positions for corporate fraud cases; \$1,170,000 for forensic costs associated with Indian Country and the National Backstopping Program; and \$21,309,000 for renovations at the FBI Academy.

In addition, the conference agreement includes the following increases above the request: \$5,000,000 for the National Security Support Capability program; \$2,750,000 and 27 positions for the Indian Country Unit to investigate crimes in Indian Country, including violent crimes against Native Americans, gang violence, and crimes related to Indian gaming; \$2,085,000 to establish a legal attaché office in West Africa; \$10,000,000 and 78 positions to combat gang-related crime; \$10,000,000 for enhanced training programs; \$30,000,000 to fund additional recruitment and retention programs; \$20,500,000 to accelerate the expansion of secure facilities in FBI field offices; \$8,500,000 for the acquisition of helicopters and related equipment; and \$5,000,000 for the Investigative Technology Division for research and development of emerging technologies.

Training.—The conference agreement adopts the House report language regarding training. The conferees direct the FBI to continue to expand its training opportunities and the capabilities of the College of Analytical Studies to ensure that agents and analysts are receiving the highest quality intelligence, counterterrorism and counterintelligence training available. These training programs should include: joint training sessions with other members of the Intelligence Community; opportunities for an academic sabbatical to pursue an advanced degree; sending staff to the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute; and creation of a fellows program to exchange staff with other Federal agencies and

the private sector. In addition, the conferees expect the FBI to expand both its basic intelligence analyst course and its advanced intelligence training courses offered at the College of Analytical Studies. The FBI shall also consider offering intelligence classes to other Federal law enforcement agencies, where appropriate. For example, the conferees believe it would be beneficial for corrections intelligence staff in the Federal Prison System to receive specialized training to recognize and thwart the introduction of violent ideology and extremism in Federal prisons. The recommendation provides \$10,000,000 above the request to implement these enhanced training programs. In determining its future staffing needs, the FBI shall take into account the staff time associated with training and development programs.

Gangs.—The conference agreement adopts the House report language regarding the spread of violent gangs throughout the country. In order to address this problem, the conference agreement provides \$1,754,000 for the establishment of a National Gang Intelligence Center that will integrate the assets of the FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and other affected Federal agencies to serve as a “clearinghouse” and information management mechanism for gang intelligence on a national and international scope. In addition, the recommendation provides \$8,246,000 for additional agents, analysts and support staff to address the most violent gangs throughout the country.

Offsets.—The conference agreement does not adopt the proposed \$35,000,000 offset in fees to State and local law enforcement for forensic services. The conferees are disappointed that the Administration is proposing to provide funding increases for Federal law enforcement by increasing the financial burden on State and local law enforcement. The conferees expect the FBI to absorb this proposed \$35,000,000 offset within existing funds. The conference agreement also does not adopt the proposed \$3,000,000 reduction to the Criminal Justice Information Services Information Management Accounts.

Retention and Recruitment.—The conferees understand that the FBI is having difficulty retaining certain staff in critical senior management positions and other specialized positions. For example, since September 11, 2001, the attrition rate for intelligence analysts has exceeded 10 percent. The conferees understand that other agencies in the Intelligence Community have more flexible pay and benefit authorities than the FBI and consequently are able to recruit talented staff from the FBI. The conferees further understand that many FBI employees living in high cost areas are experiencing financial hardships. The conferees are concerned that this financial hardship could eventually have a negative impact on FBI agent and staff performance. This is particularly troubling given that high cost areas are the most likely targets for a terrorist attack. In order to address these concerns, the conference agreement includes section 113 and section 115. These provisions are identical to those included in the House bill.

Section 113 provides the Director with the authority, after consultation with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), to provide retention and relocation bonuses to employees with high or unique qualifications who, in the absence of a bonus, would likely

leave the FBI. The provision also allows for retention and relocation bonuses for individuals transferred to a different geographic area with a higher cost of living. A bonus may total up to 50 percent of an employee's basic rate of pay.

Section 115 authorizes the FBI, in conjunction with the Office of Management and Budget and OPM, to pay critical intelligence positions up to an Executive Schedule I salary provided that the position is determined to be: (1) a high level position in a scientific, technical, professional, or administrative field; and (2) critical to the FBI's mission.

These provisions are included to allow the FBI to begin enhancing its personnel capabilities in order to thwart terrorism. These provisions will also improve the FBI's ability to compete with other Intelligence Community agencies for high quality employees. The conference agreement provides \$30,000,000 above the request to implement these new retention and recruitment authorities.

Within the level of funding provided, the conferees also expect the FBI to expand the number of employees participating in the FBI's Student Loan Repayment Program.

Mandatory Separation.—The conference agreement includes section 112, as proposed by the House. This provision empowers the Director to, on a case-by-case basis, delay the mandatory retirement age of 57 for FBI agents until the agent reaches 65 years of age. Currently, the Director is authorized to delay mandatory retirement until an agent reaches 60 years of age. This provision does not require agents to work past the age of 57, but gives the Director the authority to extend agents until the age of 65 in certain circumstances. This provision provides the FBI with additional discretion and flexibility to retain senior managers and employees with critical technical skills beyond age 60 where it is clear that the individual being retained can meet all requirements, including physical requirements, of the specific job being filled.

Reserve Service.—The conference agreement includes section 114, as proposed by the House. This provision authorizes the Director to provide for the establishment and training of an FBI Reserve Service that would facilitate streamlined, temporary re-hiring from a pre-certified cadre of retired FBI employees who possess the specialized skills required to deal with the demands of crises or other special situations. The provision will allow the FBI to quickly access experienced former employees in the event of an emergency, without adversely impacting reserve service members' retirement pay.

N-DEx.—The conferees are aware that this new information system will allow for better tracking of corporate crime, such as pollution, accounting fraud, corruption, price fixing and tax evasion. The conferees encourage the FBI to work with other federal agencies such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, the U.S. Attorneys, and the Sentencing Commission to ensure adequate data is provided on referrals for prosecution and dispositions of cases. The conference agreement adopts by reference the House report language regarding N-DEx and the submission of a report within 180 days of enactment of this Act.

Oil-for-Food.—The conferees direct the FBI to provide assistance in the United Nations investigation of the "Oil-for-Food" pro-

gram, if requested to do so by the Independent Inquiry Committee chaired by Paul Volcker. The conferees strongly support this investigation and encourage the FBI to make resources available, as appropriate, to ensure its successful conclusion.

OPR.—The conference agreement adopts by reference the House report language concerning the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) and the submission of a report 90 days from the enactment of this Act.

Innocent Images National Initiative.—The conference agreement adopts the Senate report language directing the FBI to consider emerging technologies that may help prevent and prosecute crimes against children and child exploitation through the Internet, such as software to troll online venues and record evidentiary materials.

Terrorist Financing.—The conference agreement adopts the Senate report language concerning software that seeks to track financial data streams and, in real time, automatically notify analysts when designated transactions occur in the financial accounts of suspected terrorists. The FBI is directed to evaluate such software and report back to the Committees on Appropriations on its findings.

Enterprise Architecture.—The conference agreement adopts the Senate report language directing the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to review the FBI's management of its enterprise architecture effort, including its use of effective contractual controls and its approach to contractor tracking and oversight. In addition, the conferees direct GAO to review whether FBI's approach to developing its enterprise architecture is consistent with established best practices.

Criminal Justice Information Services Division.—The conference agreement includes \$387,271,000, including fee collections, for the Criminal Justice Information Services Division (CJIS). The conference agreement does not adopt the FBI's proposal to reduce the CJIS IT system maintenance budget by \$3,000,000.

The conference agreement also includes by reference Senate language prohibiting the diversion of funding collected through the CJIS user fee for any purpose other than CJIS, its refreshment plan, or a subsequent modernization plan for the current facility. Moreover, the conferees direct that \$50,668,734 of Working Capital Fund balances be utilized to begin design for hardware and software modernization at CJIS located in Clarksburg, West Virginia. The intent is to ensure that legacy systems are phased out and replaced with modern equipment so that the FBI can take advantage of emerging technologies, such as advances in biometrics, and ensure interoperability and increased information sharing with other agencies. This will also allow for dedicated development of future generations of equipment at CJIS. Within 180 days of enactment of this Act, the FBI is directed to submit to the Committees on Appropriations a status report on the modernization of the existing CJIS systems.

Automated Biometric Identification System/Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS).—The conference agreement adopts the Senate report language directing the Department of Justice to submit a report to the Committees on Appropria-

tions not later than April 5, 2005, on the existing capacity of IAFIS, the expected impact US-VISIT may have on the system, and any additional costs necessary to increase IAFIS's capacity to meet that impact.

Intellectual Property Rights.—Within the resources provided for counterintelligence, not less than \$5,000,000 shall be available to combat industrial espionage and other threats to the intellectual property rights of manufacturers and researchers in the United States.

Trilogy.—The conferees have not adopted the total program cost cap included by the Senate for Trilogy, including the Virtual Case File (VCF), but agree that imposing discipline in this program is essential. The Initial Operating Capability (IOC) for VCF is expected to be completed in December 2004, and will provide the following functionality: import all document types; manage workflow; upload to the Automated Case Support System (ACS); and interface through ACS. The conferees recommend that the FBI commission an independent study of Trilogy that evaluates the overall achievements of the program, including equipment upgrades and improved capabilities, identifies outstanding requirements, and establishes a timeline and cost estimate to complete deployment of the program. The study shall also note the benefits of making VCF capabilities available to the users as soon as possible.

CONSTRUCTION

The conference agreement includes \$10,242,000 for FBI construction as proposed by the House. The Senate funded this activity under a different heading. The conference agreement includes \$1,242,000 for recurring construction needs and provides \$9,000,000 for a records management center.

The conferees understand that consolidation of records and collocation of records management personnel would achieve business process efficiencies and personnel savings. It would make more space available in the FBI headquarters building, allowing the FBI to reduce leased space in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, and would free up needed space in the field as the number of FBI staff continues to increase. The conferees understand that the FBI hired an outside consultant to study potential locations for a records management center using the following criteria: (1) at least 60 miles outside of Washington, D.C., for continuity of operations; (2) away from obvious terrorist targets; (3) within 250 miles of Washington, D.C.; (4) having access to transportation, utilities, and communications networks; and (5) availability of an educated workforce. The conferees understand the FBI chose Frederick County, VA, as the most ideal location to establish this center. The conferees further understand that the FBI intends to lease an interim facility in Frederick County while the design and construction of a permanent facility is underway. The recommendation includes \$9,000,000 for the costs to lease, equip and relocate an interim records management center in Frederick County in fiscal year 2005. This records management facility will not assume any personnel, projects, programs, or activities being performed by the CJIS.

DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$1,653,265,000 for the Drug Enforcement Administration, instead of \$1,661,503,000 as proposed by the House and \$1,645,027,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The recommendation provides the following increases: \$53,146,000 for inflationary and other costs to maintain the current operating level; \$14,976,000 and 165 positions for priority targeting; \$3,000,000 for the Special Operations Division; \$4,047,000 and 3 positions for investigative technology support; \$1,173,000 and 9 positions for computer forensics support; \$1,000,000 for aviation support; \$8,530,000 and 10 positions for the Concorde project and web infrastructure; and \$4,837,000 and 4 positions for the El Paso Intelligence Center.

Of the funding provided for priority targeting, \$4,095,000 and 82 positions are for administrative support to relieve agents from performing non-investigative duties. The remaining positions and funding shall be available for the highest priority domestic and international enforcement activities.

Decision Units.—The conference agreement adopts the Senate report language regarding the consolidation of DEA's ten decision units to three. The conferees direct DEA to provide a spending plan by the proposed three decision units to the Committees on Appropriations not less than 30 days after enactment of this Act. To measure the impact of this change, DEA is directed to provide quarterly reports to the Committees on Appropriations of its obligations by prior year as well as proposed decision units.

Demand Reduction Activities.—The conference agreement includes not less than \$8,891,000 for DEA's Demand Reduction activities.

Number of Drug Agents.—Since the September 11, 2001 attacks, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has diverted agents from drug investigations to counterterrorism and counterintelligence activities. In order to address this change in FBI priorities without negatively impacting Federal law enforcement's ability to combat drug crimes, the conferees have provided increased funding to the DEA to compensate for this change. With the additional DEA agents funded in fiscal year 2005 under this heading and under the Interagency Crime and Drug Enforcement heading, the total combined number of DEA and FBI agents working on drug cases will exceed the pre-September 11th level by 202.

Ecstasy Interdiction.—The conferees note the progress made by DEA and the Department of State against so-called "club drugs" under the "Roadmap" initiative with the Belgian and Dutch governments. The conferees direct the Department of State and DEA to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations no later than 90 days after enactment of this Act, detailing steps to be taken in the second roadmap. The second roadmap should emphasize sufficient U.S. presence in the Netherlands, more effective work against the export of precursor chemicals, and a review of terrorist links to club drug trafficking organizations.

DEA's Role in the Intelligence Community.—The conferees are aware of the direct relationship between the funding of international terrorism and narcotics trafficking. The conferees applaud the work of DEA personnel around the world and encourage them to continue sharing critical intelligence related to terrorism with other U.S. government agencies.

Offsets.—The conference agreement assumes the implementation of all of the Administration's proposed offsets except the proposal to charge the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department fees for forensic evidence analysis services. The recommendation reduces funding for requested program increases in order to offset this proposal. The Committee is disappointed that the Administration's proposal to offset funding increases is to increase the funding burden on State and local law enforcement.

Operation Containment.—DEA is directed to continue to provide an update on Operation Containment activities in Afghanistan in May and September of 2005.

Diversion Control Fee Account.—The conference agreement includes \$154,216,000 for this account, as provided by the House and Senate. The conference agreement includes the following program increases: \$11,711,000 is to improve and modernize customer service and e-commerce; \$3,482,000 is for the Internet Online Investigations Project and to update the Controlled Substances Information System II; \$659,000 is to enhance DEA's ability to respond to the regulated community and improve the management and financial accountability of resources; and \$15,773,000 supports the Drug and Chemical Diversion Control Decision Unit, previously funded under salaries and expenses, to simplify financial management issues and ensure a stable source of funding for the program. In addition, the conference agreement provides DEA with 10 additional positions to implement sections 110 and 111 of this Act. The Department of Justice is directed to submit quarterly reports describing its efforts to address prescription drug diversion.

BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$890,357,000 for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) as proposed by the Senate instead of \$870,357,000 as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement includes program increases of \$2,707,000 and 31 positions for additional explosives investigations and regulatory compliance; \$5,000,000 and 24 special agents to focus on gang-related investigations; and \$5,600,000 for the construction and establishment of the Federal Firearms Licensing Center at the National Tracing Center Facility.

In addition, the conference agreement provides a \$1,000,000 increase for the National Tracing Center Division. The conferees understand that the number of trace requests, particularly international trace requests, is growing dramatically.

Specialized Explosives Groups.—There has been a large increase in the criminal misuse of explosives. Therefore, the conference agreement includes an increase of \$10,200,000 for the cre-

ation and operation of four specialized explosives groups. These groups shall be strategically located throughout the United States based on a thorough threat and workload assessment conducted by the Bureau. These groups will be responsible for investigating the misuse and trafficking of explosives, increasing inspection efforts for high-risk explosives licensees, and increasing forensic support to explosives investigations with the goal of proactively preventing explosives crimes and acts of terrorism.

Conversion of Records.—The conferees recognize the need for the ATF to begin converting tens of thousands of existing records of out-of-business Federal firearms dealers from film to digital images at the National Tracing Center. Once the out-of-business records are fully converted, the search time for these records will be reduced to an average of 5 minutes per search from the current average of 45 minutes per search. This significant time saving will ultimately reduce overall costs and increase efficiency at the National Tracing Center. Therefore, the conference agreement includes a \$4,200,000 increase for the ATF to hire additional contract personnel to begin this conversion.

Access 2000 Program.—The conferees are aware that the Access 2000 program was initiated by ATF to improve the efficiency and reduce the costs associated with firearms tracing incurred by Federal Firearms Licensees (FFLs). ATF and FFL importers, manufacturers, and wholesalers form a partnership in this effort. FFLs take their data from their mainframe computer and import it into a stand-alone server provided by the ATF. The National Tracing Center is connected to this server remotely by secure dial-up and obtains information on a firearm that is subject to a firearms trace. The conferees support this program, which reduces the administrative burdens of the FFL and allows the ATF around the clock access to the records. The ATF currently has 36 Access 2000 partners. The conferees encourage the ATF to place more emphasis on this program and expand the number of partners to the greatest extent possible.

Special Response Teams.—The conferees are aware of the extremely important role Special Response Teams (SRTs) play in the enforcement of our Nation's laws. The Bureau has four teams throughout the United States. Due to the personnel limitations within the Bureau, the four SRTs are predominately made up of special agents that maintain a full case load on the street and train to maintain the highly specialized skills required to qualify for an SRT position. The conferees laud these special agents and the extraordinary dedication to the mission of the ATF they display in order to ensure these teams are effective, safe, and successful. The conferees also acknowledge the outstanding service the unique human scent/tactical K-9 program has provided in support of the Special Response Teams. The conferees urge the ATF to train at least two additional K-9s so as to equip each SRT with full time support.

The conferees adopt by reference the House report language concerning certain sensitive law enforcement information contained in databases maintained by the ATF.

FEDERAL PRISON SYSTEM
SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$4,627,696,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Federal Prison System as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$4,567,232,000 as proposed by the House. The conferees believe that the budget request was inadequate to support the requirements of the Federal Prison System (FPS). The conference agreement provides an amount that should be sufficient to complete or begin activation of ten prisons and also continue operations at existing prisons. To ensure that the FPS is able to activate prisons on a two-year timeline, the conference agreement includes a provision making activation funds available until September 30, 2006. The conferees expect the ten new prisons to be receiving inmates by the date listed in the table below and have provided funding to maintain this schedule. Amounts are dedicated to activate each institution as follows:

Institution	Activation date	Activation costs	Inmate care nationwide	Total
Victorville, CA USP	1/05	\$28,200	\$5,836	\$34,036
Hazelton, WV USP	1/05	37,300	5,836	43,136
Forrest City, AR facility	11/04	30,000	2,918	32,918
Herlong/Sierra, CA medium camp	3/05	30,700	8,754	39,454
Williamsburg, SC FCI	9/04	38,000	1,476	39,476
Canaan, PA USP	2/05	34,000	7,295	41,295
Terre Haute, IN USP	3/05	26,000	8,754	34,754
Bennettsville, SC FCI	12/04	32,500	4,377	36,877
Yazoo City, MS FCI	2/05	26,300	7,295	33,595
Coleman, FL USP	2/05	23,000	7,295	30,295
		306,000	59,836	365,836

Reprogramming Authority.—The amounts designated in the table above for “activation costs” are intended for the sole purpose of bringing these new prisons online. The amounts designated in the table above for “inmate care nationwide” represent the cost associated with the inmates who will eventually be housed at the new facilities. The amounts designated in the table above are to be obligated as directed, and are therefore subject to the reprogramming procedures established in section 605 of this Act.

Carryover Amounts.—In addition to the amounts designated in the table above, an additional \$50,015,000 is available from amounts carried forward from fiscal year 2004 for prison activations. The conferees expect that funds for Victorville, CA; Williamsburg, SC; Canaan, PA; Hazelton, WV; Herlong/Sierra, CA; Forrest City, AR; and Yazoo City, MS will be obligated as planned. If the amounts required deviate from the planned levels, the FPS should submit a reprogramming notification in accordance with section 605 of this Act.

Base Operations.—The conferees believe that the amount provided for this account is sufficient to support the base operational needs of the entire FPS. Within the amounts provided, the conferees provide base funding of \$41,000,000 for FCI Gilmer, West Virginia and \$41,000,000 for FCI Beckley, West Virginia.

Contract Confinement.—The conference agreement includes \$584,948,000 for the contractual costs associated with housing in-

mates. This amount includes \$22,850,000 in contracts for the National Institute of Corrections and \$9,400,000 for 4,500 additional low-security contract beds. The conferees adopt by reference House language regarding use of excess State, local, and private prison capacity to meet bedspace needs, if these facilities meet FPS standards. The conferees also adopt by reference Senate report language in support of private sector contract confinement.

Drug Treatment.—The conferees expect that an amount equal to the fiscal year 2004 level will be provided for the transitional drug treatment program.

Joint Bureau of Prisons/Judiciary Pilot Program.—The conference agreement includes a general provision supporting a pilot program that will allow the Federal Public Defender in the Southern District of Florida to transfer computers for use by inmates reviewing electronic discovery.

Financial Plan.—The conference agreement includes section 118, which requires submission of a financial plan. In requiring the submission of a financial plan, the conferees are mindful of the complexities of managing the budget for the FPS. However, the conferees believe that such a plan is justified in order to effectively carry out the oversight responsibilities of the Committees on Appropriations. To ensure that there is no unnecessary delay in operations of the FPS, the Committees will review the proposed financial plan and respond to the Department of Justice within 15 working days of receipt of the plan. However, submission of the financial plan does not replace the requirement for reprogramming notification under section 605 of the Act.

Sexual Misconduct.—The conferees commend the FPS on its work to address and prevent sexual misconduct. With funds provided in earlier appropriations Acts, the National Institute of Corrections has made useful progress in providing training and technical support to correctional systems throughout the country to eliminate staff sexual misconduct with inmates, training in investigating cases, and training “trainers” in order that employees at every level will be more aware of, and better prepared to deal with, these cases. The conferees direct the FPS to continue these efforts and to report to the Committee by March 31, 2005, on progress made in this area.

The conference agreement incorporates by reference House report language regarding a reimbursable agreement. The conference agreement incorporates by reference Senate report language directing the FPS to move forward with the site investigation and planning for Hazelton, West Virginia. The conferees also incorporate by reference Senate report language regarding female inmates and medical records.

BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

The conference agreement includes funding of \$189,000,000 for construction, modernization, maintenance and repair of prison and detention facilities housing Federal prisoners as proposed by the House and the Senate. The conference agreement includes section 106, which prohibits the transfer of funds from this account to any other Department of Justice account. The conferees continue to expect that all current construction projects will proceed as planned.

The conferees remain concerned that while the prison population grows, the Department of Justice continues to submit budget requests with proposed rescissions of prison construction funds. The conferees reiterate previous direction to discontinue this practice.

LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, FEDERAL PRISON
INDUSTRIES, INCORPORATED

The conference agreement includes language regarding a limit on administrative expenses of \$3,411,000 for Federal Prison Industries, Incorporated (FPI). The conferees adopt by reference House report language regarding the FPI program.

OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PREVENTION AND PROSECUTION
PROGRAMS

The conference agreement includes \$387,275,000 for violence against women prevention and prosecution programs instead of \$383,551,000 as proposed by the House and \$410,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The following table outlines the funding provided in the conference agreement:

[In thousands of dollars]

	FY 2004 enacted	FY 2005 request	House	Senate	Conference agreement
Violence Against Women Office Programs STOP					
Grants	\$166,564	\$176,747	\$176,747	\$175,705	\$187,086
(National Institute of Justice—R&D)	(5,145)	(5,200)	(5,200)	(5,000)	(5,000)
(Safe Start Program)	(9,895)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)
(Transitional Housing Assistance)		(15,000)	(15,000)	(10,000)	(12,500)
Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies	63,824	62,479	62,479	64,503	63,491
Rural Domestic Violence Assistance Grants	39,267	38,274	38,274	39,685	39,685
Violence on College Campuses	9,830	9,175	9,175	9,935	9,175
Civil Legal Assistance	39,322	39,871	39,322	39,740	39,740
Elder Abuse Grant Program	4,916	4,458	4,458	4,968	4,600
Safe Haven Project	14,746	14,078	14,078	14,903	14,078
Educ. & Train for Disabled Female Victims	7,373	6,922	6,922	7,451	7,250
Transitional Housing	14,842				
Management and Administration		10,473	10,339	30,000	
CASA (Special Advocates)	11,772	11,484	11,484	11,897	11,897
Training for Judicial Personnel	2,257	1,925	1,925	2,281	1,925
Grants for Televised Testimony	983	986	983	994	983
Training Programs	4,905	4,415	4,415	4,957	4,415
Stalking Database	2,950	2,962	2,950	2,981	2,950
Total	383,551	.....	383,551	410,000	387,275

The conference agreement directs the Office on Violence Against Women to submit a Management and Administration financial plan to the Committees on Appropriations within 60 days of enactment of this Act. The financial plan shall include the amount of funding reimbursed to the Office of Justice Programs for administrative services. The Justice Management Division is required to verify the appropriateness of this amount.

Native American/Native Alaskan Liaison Office.—The conferees understand that Native American and Native Alaskan women experience a high rate of violence compared to any other

group in the United States. The conferees are concerned these individuals lack a comprehensive community response to address their needs in breaking the cycle of violence. The conferees believe a liaison office would be an effective resource for these communities to identify and address their needs in order to develop a community response for the elimination of domestic violence.

The conferees are aware that the State of Alaska has been ranked number 1 in the country for its rate of rape, the rate at which men kill women, and the rate at which firearms are stolen. Although violent crime rates have dropped across the nation last year, Federal statistics have shown that violent crimes have been on the rise in Alaska. The conferees understand that the Office on Violence Against Women held a summit in Alaska in July, 2004, which enabled experts from across the country to assist Alaska with this pervasive social problem. The conferees commend the Office on Violence Against Women for their effort in bringing both the Alaska community and the professional community together.

The conference agreement includes \$7,550,000 for the Native American/Native Alaskan Liaison Office to begin their work in Alaska. The conferees have provided \$2,400,000 for the Anchorage Domestic Violence Prevention Project; \$950,000 for the domestic violence prosecution unit in Alaska; \$2,700,000 for the Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Prosecution Unit for the State of Alaska; \$750,000 for the Sexual Assault Response Team for the Municipality of Anchorage; and \$750,000 for the Victims for Justice in Alaska. The conferees direct the Office on Violence Against Women to work with these organizations in order to develop a comprehensive community approach for the State of Alaska.

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

The conference agreement includes \$227,900,000 for Justice Assistance. The conferees do not adopt the Administration's proposal to consolidate all Office of Justice Programs (OJP) activities under this heading. The table below displays the conference agreement compared to the request for programs funded under this heading and compared to the amounts provided in the House and Senate bills.

[In thousands of dollars]

Program	FY 2004 enacted	FY 2005 request	House	Senate	Conference agreement
National Institute of Justice	47,495	63,559	55,000	63,350	55,000
Bureau of Justice Statistics	31,787	38,717	34,000	32,125	34,000
Victim Notification				8,000	8,000
National White Collar Crime	8,905	4,500	9,000		9,000
Regional Inf. Sharing Sys	29,684	43,960	40,000	40,000	40,000
Management and Admin	34,632	118,730	38,000	25,000	35,000
Missing Children Program	35,621	35,368	41,000	42,400	46,900
Total	188,124	.....	217,000	210,875	227,900

National Institute of Justice (NIJ).—The conference agreement provides \$55,000,000 for the National Institute of Justice. The conference agreement provides \$20,000,000 for the Office of Science

and Technology, \$3,250,000 for counterterrorism research and development, \$10,000,000 for social science research and evaluation, \$21,000,000 for the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Centers, and \$750,000 for Mistral Security Non-Toxic Drug Detention and Identification Aerosol Technology.

The conferees adopt the Senate report language concerning the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Centers. Funding for these centers is distributed as follows:

The National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Centers

[In thousands of dollars]

Northeast Regional Center	\$3,000
Southeast Regional Center	3,000
Rocky Mountain Regional Center	3,000
Western Regional Center	3,000
National Center	3,000
Northwest Center	3,000
Technology Specialty Centers	3,000
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Total, Regional and Specialty Centers	21,000

Within the level of funding provided for the Office of Science and Technology, \$3,000,000 is for the CommTech program.

Within the level of funding provided, \$3,000,000 is for the Center for Rural Law Enforcement Technology and Training, and \$2,800,000 is for the Office of Law Enforcement Technology Commercialization, Inc. The conferees recognize and support the important work of the Border Research Technology Center and support the budget request for research on trafficking in persons. NIJ shall consider expanding the Forensic Resource Network in future years.

Missing Children.—The conference agreement includes \$46,900,000 for the Missing Children Program for the following purposes:

MISSING CHILDREN PROGRAM

[In thousands of dollars]

Program	FY 2004 enacted	FY 2005 request	House	Senate	Conference
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children	\$14,842	\$12,419	\$17,000	\$26,900	\$23,900
Jimmy Ryce Law Enforcement Training Center	2,968	1,049	3,000	3,000	3,000
Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force	12,368	14,500	14,500	12,500	13,500
Missing and Exploited Children Office	1,484	2,400	1,500	1,500
AMBER Alert Program	3,959	5,000	5,000	5,000
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Total	35,621	35,368	41,000	42,400	46,900

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).—The conferees strongly support the NCMEC’s nationwide services for the prevention of abduction, endangerment, and sexual exploitation of children. The conferees believe these services are an effective part of the congressionally intended safety net for our most vulnerable children. The conferees commend the leadership of NCMEC for their dedication to these issues. Of the funds appropriated for the NCMEC, \$1,000,000 is for NCMEC’s Lost Child Alert Technology Resource (LOCATER) program; \$2,250,000 is for NCMEC’s NETSMARTZ program; \$1,650,000 is for the expansion and enhancement of the Child Recognition and Identifica-

tion System (CRIS); and \$2,000,000 is for NECMEC's Team Adam initiative.

Regional Information Sharing System.—The conference agreement provides \$40,000,000 for the Regional Information Sharing System (RISS). The conferees direct the Department to ensure that inter-state information sharing systems funded by OJP and COPS comply with the National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan. The conferees strongly support RISS's leadership role in implementing the National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan. In particular, the conferees are pleased with RISS's efforts in promoting collaboration between Federal, State, and local agencies through information sharing, especially in the exchange of antiterrorism information. Furthermore, the conferees commend the support provided by BJA for RISS.

Bureau of Justice Statistics.—Of the funds provided for the Bureau of Justice Statistics, \$2,000,000 shall be utilized for the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) conversion. This funding supports the continuation of converting the NCVS from primarily a paper and pencil operation to a fully automated data collection operation.

Victim Notification System.—The conferees understand that eighteen states have implemented statewide automatic victim notification programs, but a national automated victim notification network remains incomplete. The conference agreement recommends \$8,000,000 for the Bureau of Justice Assistance to launch a new grant program for State automated victim notification programs. The conferees agree that no funding can be utilized from the Victims Assistance Program for this initiative and that funds provided under this heading require a 50 percent match from State, local, or private sources. The conferees direct the Bureau of Justice Assistance to work with Congress in developing this program and to submit to the Committees on Appropriations a report outlining the program within 180 days of the enactment of this Act.

Management and Administration.—The conference agreement provides \$35,000,000 in direct appropriations for the management and administration of OJP. The conferees direct OJP to submit a financial plan to the Committees on Appropriations within 60 days of enactment of this Act. The financial plan shall include the amount of reimbursable funding OJP receives from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, the Office on Violence Against Women and the Office of Domestic Preparedness, as well as reimbursements for the processing of grants for any other agency outside of the Department of Justice. In addition, the financial plan shall outline the level of funding individual OJP programs will be contributing for management and administration.

The conferees are cognizant that independent auditors performing the fiscal year 2004 financial audit at OJP found multiple material weaknesses in internal controls surrounding OJP's grant accounting practices and grants management systems. The conferees are extremely disappointed that the weaknesses have caused the auditors to disclaim their opinion on OJP's financial statements and as a result have caused the loss of the overall Department of Justice clean audit opinion. The conferees understand the auditors reported weaknesses in OJP's grant accounting process, significant

errors in reporting, weak systems controls, weaknesses in OJP monitoring, and an inability to adequately document certain accounting entries. The conferees direct OJP to rectify its accounting and monitoring weaknesses, strengthen its internal controls and systems, and ensure it can reliably report its financial activity in fiscal year 2005. Additionally, the conferees expect OJP to submit monthly reports to the Committees on Appropriations on the status of the corrective action plan.

STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

The conference agreement provides a total appropriation of \$1,295,510,000. The table below displays the funding provided in the conference agreement compared to the level of funds requested under the Justice Assistance heading for similar activities, and compared to the levels provided in the House and Senate bills.

[In thousands of dollars]

	2004 enacted	2005 request	House	Senate	Conference agreement
Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants		508,937	634,000		634,000
(Boys and Girls Clubs)		(60,000)	(80,000)		(85,000)
(USA Freedom Corps)			(5,000)		(2,500)
(National Institute of Justice)		(19,956)	(15,000)		(10,000)
(Tribal Courts)		(5,921)			
Edward Byrne Memorial State Formula	494,739			500,000	
Local Law Enforcement Block Grants	222,632			150,000	
(Boys and Girls Clubs)	(79,158)			(85,000)	
(USA Freedom Corps)	(2,968)				
(National Institute of Justice)	(9,895)			(10,000)	
State Criminal Alien Assistance	296,843		325,000	220,000	305,000
Southwest Border Prosecutor Program				30,000	30,000
Cooperative Agreement Program	1,979				
Indian Assistance	14,842	4,240	15,000	18,000	18,000
(Tribal Prison Construction Program)	(1,979)		(2,000)		(5,000)
(Indian Tribal Courts Program)	(7,916)		(8,000)		(8,000)
(Alcohol and Substance Abuse)	(4,947)	(4,240)	(5,000)		(5,000)
Byrne Discretionary Grants	157,443		110,000	117,969	170,027
USA Freedom Corps		15,381			
Victims of Trafficking Grants	9,894		10,000		10,000
State Prison Drug Treatment		74,669	35,000	25,000	25,000
Drug Courts	38,095	67,463	50,000	40,000	40,000
Prescription Drug Monitoring	6,926		10,000		10,000
Prison Rape Prevention and Prosecution	36,784	7,654	52,175		37,000
Other Crime Control Programs:					
Intelligence State and Local Training		10,654	10,000	11,000	10,500
Hate Crimes Training	989	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Missing Alzheimer's Patients	883		883	850	883
Law Enfor. Family Support Program				2,000	2,000
Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Program ..				100	100
Senior Citizens Vs. Marketing Scams	1,979		1,979	2,000	2,000
Miscellaneous	51,942				
Rescission		(53,471)			
Total, State and Local Assistance	1,335,971		1,255,037	1,117,919	1,295,510

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants program.—

The conference agreement includes \$634,000,000 for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants program, as authorized by H.R. 3036, the Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2004 through 2006, as passed by the House

on March 30, 2004. The conference agreement is \$125,063,000 above the budget request.

This program is intended to consolidate the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant program and the Byrne Formula program. Funding under this program is authorized for: (a) law enforcement programs; (b) prosecution and court programs; (c) prevention and education programs; (d) corrections and community corrections programs; (e) drug treatment programs; and (f) planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs. Funding is not available for: (a) vehicles, vessels, or aircraft; (b) luxury items; (c) real estate; or (d) construction projects.

The formula used for distributing funds under this program allocates 50 percent of funding based on population, and 50 percent based on violent crime rates. The formula allocates 60 percent of funding to States and 40 percent to units of local government. Of the amount provided, \$85,000,000 is for Boys and Girls Clubs; \$10,000,000 is for NIJ to assist local units of government to identify, select, develop, modernize, and purchase new technologies for use by law enforcement; and \$2,500,000 is for the USA Freedom Corps initiative for the expansion of Neighborhood Watch programs and the Volunteers in Policing program.

Indian Country Grants.—The recommendation provides \$18,000,000 for Indian Country grants. The conferees acknowledge the success that the Comprehensive Indian Resources for Community Law Enforcement (CIRCLE) initiative is having and urge the Department to continue to work on ways to expand CIRCLE.

Edward Byrne Discretionary Grants.—The conference agreement includes \$170,027,000 for discretionary grants under this account.

Within the amounts provided, OJP is expected to review the following proposals, provide grants if warranted, and report to the Committees on Appropriations regarding its intentions:

\$4,500,000 for the National Citizens Crime Prevention Campaign;

\$1,750,000 for continued support for the expansion of SEARCH Group, Inc. and the National Technical Assistance and Training Program to assist States, such as West Virginia and Alabama, to accelerate the automation of the fingerprint identification process;

\$350,000 for the Turtle Mountain Community College, ND, Project Peacemaker;

\$1,000,000 for the Indigenous Peoples Law & Policy Project at the University of Arizona;

\$1,700,000 for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program;

\$8,000,000 for Operation UNITE for a drug enforcement, treatment and education program;

\$700,000 for the New Orleans, LA, Police Department for crime fighting initiatives;

\$200,000 for the Orleans Parish, LA, District Attorney's Office for crime fighting initiatives;

\$500,000 for the Paul and Lisa Foundation;

\$2,000,000 for the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force;

\$587,000 for the Northwest Virginia Regional Drug Task Force;

\$3,000,000 for the State of Virginia for anti-gang coordination;

\$2,500,000 for Mothers Against Drunk Driving including the continuation of Spanish language public service announcements;

\$1,500,000 for the National Institute of Justice and Bureau of Justice Statistics to conduct a study of conditions of confinement in Indian country correctional facilities and the factors that exacerbate those conditions;

\$150,000 for the Obscenity Crimes Project to provide citizens with an online tool to report Internet obscenity crimes;

\$350,000 for Gospel Rescue Ministries;

\$300,000 for The Women's Center in Vienna, VA;

\$1,500,000 for the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, International Institute for Alcohol Awareness for a training and technical assistance program for State and local law enforcement regarding liquor law enforcement;

\$660,000 for the Virginia Community Policing Institute;

\$500,000 for William and Mary College's Courtroom 21 project;

\$1,540,000 for pre-release and post-incarceration services programs for the Commonwealth of Virginia;

\$1,500,000 for court programs in the Commonwealth of Virginia to combat drug use and drug related crimes;

\$732,000 for the Virginia Attorney General's office for a Computer Crime Unit, a gang task force, and the Triad program;

\$500,000 for a school safety program in Northern Virginia;

\$250,000 for the Wyandotte Focus for a program to reduce recidivism;

\$200,000 for a community resource officer program and a school resource officer program in Manassas Park, VA;

\$100,000 for Clarke County, VA, for a school resource officer program;

\$250,000 for Securing Emergency Resources Through Volunteer Efforts for a re-entry program;

\$750,000 for The Doe Fund's Ready, Willing & Able program;

\$300,000 for an onsite drug testing demonstration project in the Fourth Judicial District of New York State;

\$1,500,000 for the Phoenix House in Upstate New York Drug Treatment Alternative for offenders;

\$225,000 for Excelsior College for law enforcement training programs;

\$225,000 for the Capital Region Cybercrime Partnership in NY;

\$400,000 for the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy Training Program;

\$100,000 for Southside Virginia law enforcement activities;

\$150,000 for the Tarrant County, TX, District Attorney for a gang database program;

\$1,500,000 for the Center for Court Innovation;

\$500,000 for the Frank Bland Regional Training Center;
 \$1,000,000 for Protecting Children Against Sex Offenders
 in Fairfax County, VA;
 \$100,000 for Mountain Village, CO, for law enforcement
 technologies;
 \$400,000 for the Rhode Island Family Treatment Court
 program;
 \$1,500,000 for the Washington Metropolitan Area Drug
 Enforcement Task Force (MATF);
 \$2,000,000 for the Washington Public Building Mapping
 System;
 \$200,000 for Forest County, PA, for court related costs;
 \$1,000,000 for the Wichita, KS, Police Department for law
 enforcement costs;
 \$250,000 for the Chattanooga, TN, Drug Court program;
 \$250,000 for the Law Enforcement Innovation Center;
 \$500,000 for the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Net-
 work's sexual abuse hotline;
 \$3,000,000 for the National Clearinghouse for Science,
 Technology, and the Law at Stetson University College of Law;
 \$2,000,000 for the National Forensics Science Technology
 Center in Largo, FL;
 \$750,000 for Pinellas County, FL, for a jail diversion pro-
 gram for the mentally ill;
 \$200,000 for the Pinellas County, FL, Sexual Predator
 Unit;
 \$250,000 for Kristen's Act;
 \$200,000 for It Happened to Alexa;
 \$500,000 for Phoenix House in Dallas, TX, for at-risk
 youth programs;
 \$250,000 for the Southern Methodist University's Family
 Research Center to conduct research on domestic violence;
 \$3,000,000 for the University of Houston to work with the
 National Institute of Justice to test new law enforcement tech-
 nologies;
 \$250,000 for the Ascension Parish Law Enforcement
 Training Center;
 \$250,000 for the National Correctional Industries Associa-
 tion's Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Training and
 Technical Assistance Project;
 \$2,000,000 for the National Institute of Justice's Cyber
 Science Laboratory in Rome, NY;
 \$300,000 for the National Association of Town Watch's Na-
 tional Night Out crime prevention program;
 \$200,000 for Athens-Clarke County, GA, for law enforce-
 ment initiatives;
 \$200,000 for Effingham County, GA, for law enforcement
 initiatives;
 \$200,000 for Augusta-Richmond County, GA, for law en-
 forcement initiatives;
 \$500,000 for the National Institute on State Policy on
 Trafficking of Women and Girls;
 \$250,000 for the Rural Law Enforcement Information
 Technology Center at Tarleton State University;

\$250,000 for the University of Notre Dame in collaboration with the State University of New York (SUNY) Stony Brook for law enforcement technologies research;
\$250,000 for the WINGS Domestic Violence program;
\$500,000 for Enough is Enough;
\$50,000 for the Stargazer Foundation;
\$100,000 for the Union County, NJ, Police Department in partnership with Union County College for law enforcement training programs;
\$250,000 for a school resource officer training program in Palm Beach County, FL;
\$250,000 for the Gun Crimes Reduction Task Force in Ventura County, CA;
\$100,000 for Bartow County, GA, for equipment to prevent the spread of airborne pathogens in the county jail;
\$250,000 for the State of Missouri, to enhance its Amber Alert program;
\$500,000 for Beyond Missing;
\$100,000 for the State University of New York for law enforcement training;
\$200,000 for St. Clairsville, OH, for courtroom equipment;
\$400,000 for the San Joaquin Valley Rural Crime Prevention Program;
\$100,000 for Whiteclay, NE, for law enforcement programs;
\$250,000 for the Regional Counter-Drug Training Academy for law enforcement training;
\$250,000 for the City of Lancaster, PA, for a community policing initiative;
\$250,000 for Chattahoochee Valley Community College for a law enforcement training program;
\$150,000 for the Check 'Em Out program;
\$300,000 for The Northwest Fund—Crime Reduction initiative;
\$500,000 for the Whitman-Walker law enforcement programs;
\$100,000 for the Lake Washington Technical College;
\$500,000 for the University of Toledo Center for Parents criminal justice program;
\$200,000 for the Westchester County, NY, Special Operations Task Force;
\$250,000 for Arlington County, VA, for gang suppression;
\$450,000 for the On-Site Academy's Law Enforcement Counseling Program;
\$200,000 for the Safer Foundation ex-offender program;
\$500,000 for Training for Judicial Personnel;
\$600,000 for the Vera Institute of Justice;
\$500,000 for the Fairleigh Dickinson University CyberCrime program;
\$300,000 for the Computer Crimes Initiative—Suffolk County, NY;
\$50,000 for the Latino Action Center for drug and crime prevention programs;

\$100,000 for New York City's Community Crime Stopper Program;
 \$100,000 for the Opening Word, Wyandanch, NY;
 \$200,000 for the Eastern Michigan Center for Community Building;
 \$200,000 for Project COPE NY Police Foundation;
 \$400,000 for the STRIVE Ex-Offender Program;
 \$400,000 for the Fortune Society's Community Reentry Program;
 \$50,000 for the Bexar County, TX, Jail Diversion Program;
 \$200,000 for the Newport, RI, Police Department law enforcement initiative;
 \$1,000,000 for the National Corrections and Law Enforcement Training and Technology Center;
 \$500,000 for the Law Enforcement Information Technology and Analysis Program, WV;
 \$125,000 for Wyandotte CHWC;
 \$125,000 for Mid-America Nazarene;
 \$240,000 for the Minneapolis, MN, Police Department law enforcement initiative;
 \$500,000 for Hennepin County, MN, CrimNet;
 \$100,000 for the Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence;
 \$100,000 for the Wayne County, MI, Jail Diversion and Assistance Initiative;
 \$100,000 for the Police Command Center in Cleveland, OH;
 \$100,000 for California Front Line Law Enforcement;
 \$400,000 for the Minnesota Fond du Lac Law Enforcement Program;
 \$200,000 for the Central Wisconsin Drug Enforcement program;
 \$500,000 for the Wisconsin Alliance for Children and Families;
 \$1,000,000 for the International Center for Ending Violence;
 \$750,000 for San Francisco Ex-Offender Reentry Services;
 \$150,000 for California Western School of Law;
 \$625,000 for the Contra Costa County, CA, ARIES Integrated Justice System;
 \$400,000 for the Urban Justice Center;
 \$500,000 for West Shore Regional Law Enforcement;
 \$500,000 for the Multi-Jurisdictional Criminal Justice Data Integration Project;
 \$200,000 for the Maine Rural Substance Abuse Project;
 \$291,000 for the Town of Taos, NM, Police Department Law Enforcement;
 \$100,000 for the Providence, RI, Police Department for Command Training;
 \$250,000 for the Center Point Re-entry Program;
 \$100,000 for the WAVE domestic violence program in California;
 \$185,000 for a law enforcement program in Independence County, AR;

\$100,000 for the Catholic University Anti-Domestic Violence Program in Puerto Rico;
 \$500,000 for the Steganography Analysis and Research Center;
 \$400,000 for the Alabama Bureau of Investigation's Missing Children's Program;
 \$1,000,000 for the Alaska Native Justice Center restorative justice programs;
 \$2,000,000 for the Alaskan Rural Prosecution Unit;
 \$1,100,000 for Alcohol Interdiction in Alaska for bootlegging crimes;
 \$250,000 for the Biloxi, MS, Police Department Technical Bomb Squad;
 \$125,000 for Carbon County, UT, for drug enforcement;
 \$200,000 for the Center on Domestic Violence at CU-Denver, CO;
 \$100,000 for the City of Columbia, MS, for law enforcement equipment;
 \$230,000 for the City of Philadelphia's Operation Safe Streets;
 \$100,000 for the City of Xenia, OH, Police Division Internet Child Protection Unit;
 \$3,000,000 for the Consolidated Advanced Technology Laboratory at UNH;
 \$700,000 for the Dispute Resolution program at Faulkner University, AL;
 \$300,000 for the Fort Bend and Harris County, TX, Anti-Drug Initiative;
 \$250,000 for the further testing and evaluation of TACSCAN system;
 \$890,000 for the Holyoke Community College, information security system;
 \$5,000,000 for the Institute for Security Technology Studies, NH;
 \$1,000,000 for the Center for Task Force Training;
 \$2,000,000 for the Jackson, MS, Public Safety Automated Technologies—Equipment;
 \$250,000 for the Kansas City Swope Parkway, MO;
 \$375,000 for the Leadership Institute in Judicial Education, University of Memphis;
 \$900,000 for the Clearwater Economic Development Association, ID, for the Idaho-Montana Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Bi-State Safety Project;
 \$400,000 for Mental Health Courts;
 \$100,000 for the Millerstown Borough Police Department, Perry County, PA;
 \$1,000,000 for the Mississippi State University—Computer Crime Prosecution Initiative;
 \$100,000 for the National Association of Promoting Success;
 \$2,084,650 for the National Fatherhood Initiative;
 \$650,000 for the New Hampshire Cyber Crime Initiative;
 \$750,000 for the National Child Protection Training;

\$51,000 for the NH Department of Safety evidence storage expansion;
\$250,000 for the NH Police Standards and Training distance learning expansion;
\$1,000,000 for Operation Streetsweeper;
\$550,000 for Brown University Nanotechnology DNA Sequencing in RI;
\$225,000 for crime scene examination enhancement for the State of Alaska;
\$500,000 for the El Paso Regional Lab in TX;
\$400,000 for the Greater Columbus Area Crime Fighting AFIS Project in OH;
\$100,000 for the Fulton County District Attorney's Cold Case Unit in GA;
\$1,000,000 for the Mississippi Crime Lab to Address Forensic Backlog;
\$200,000 for the Northwest Ohio Regional Information System AFIS;
\$250,000 for the Ohio BCI Laboratory System Improvement Project;
\$375,000 for the Ohio BCI Palmprint AFIS Program;
\$200,000 for the Pikes Peak Metro Crime Lab DNA Laboratory in CO;
\$500,000 for Southeast Missouri State University;
\$200,000 for the Greenville Tech Forensic/DNS Laboratory in SC;
\$200,000 for the Texas Tech Forensic Science Institute;
\$150,000 for the University of Alabama at Birmingham Forensic Science Education and Training program;
\$400,000 for the Utah Valley State College Forensic Science Program;
\$200,000 for Weber State University's Criminal Justice Program in UT;
\$200,000 for the Sam Houston State University, Texas, Center for Forensic Sciences.
\$250,000 for the Partners for Downtown Progress, AK;
\$2,000,000 for the Public Private Ventures, of which \$750,000 is for the National Center on Neighborhood Enterprise, of which up to 5 percent may be used by Public Private for the purpose of enhanced accountability and rigorous evaluation of the Violence Free Zone project;
\$1,000,000 for the Ridgeland, MS, Police Department radios and equipment;
\$200,000 for the South Central Alaska Search and Rescue Training Project for the Alaska Police Department;
\$210,000 for the Alaska Statewide DARE coordinator and implementation of new DARE curriculum;
\$100,000 for equipment for the Tchula, MS, Police Department;
\$640,400 for technology improvements at the NH Department of Motor Vehicles;
\$3,000,000 for the continuation of the J-ONE information sharing system in NH;

\$750,000 for the Texas Medical Center in Houston, TX, Operations Center;

\$1,000,000 for the University of Kentucky Rural Drug Prosecution Assistance Project;

\$500,000 for the University of Louisville Effects of Collaboration Team Intervention on Child Well Being;

\$2,000,000 for University of Mississippi National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law;

\$200,000 for the Texas Center for Forensic Science;

\$200,000 for the University of Mississippi TechLaw to offer police online training;

\$400,000 for the Institutional Security Program and the University of Southern Mississippi;

\$275,000 for the University of Southern Mississippi's Rural Law Enforcement Training Initiative;

\$200,000 for the Violent Crimes Fugitive Task Force, MT;

\$300,000 for the State of Colorado Digital Trunked Radio System;

\$400,000 for the Western Kentucky University Public Safety program;

\$100,000 for the New Hampshire DARE program;

\$250,000 for the City of Richton, MS, for the police department;

\$65,000 for the University of Delaware Center for Drug and Alcohol Studies to conduct a statewide survey of delinquent and high risk behaviors;

\$3,100,000 for the Monterey County, CA, Street Violence and Anti-gang Project;

\$250,000 for the Washington State Department of Corrections Electronic Fingerprint Criminal Background Check;

\$150,000 for the Family Re-Entry, Inc., prisoner reentry pilot program in Bridgeport, CT;

\$400,000 for the University of Connecticut Breaking the Cycle of Behavioral Health Problems and Crime study;

\$150,000 for the Native Americans Into Law Program;

\$500,000 for the National Center for Victims of Crime and INFOLINK;

\$950,000 for the Chicago Project for Violence Prevention to expand Ceasefire;

\$500,000 for the San Diego, CA, Crisis Intervention Response Teams;

\$1,200,000 for the Methamphetamine Jail Treatment, IA;

\$765,000 for the Highway Interdiction Team, IA;

\$4,750,000 for the National Advocacy Center/National District Attorneys Association;

\$14,000,000 for the South Carolina Judicial Department case docket system;

\$1,000,000 for the Richland County Sheriff's Office Carolina Regional Fugitive Task Force;

\$1,750,000 for Indian Legal Services

\$425,000 for the Oglala Sioux Tribe Judicial System operations;

\$500,000 for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, SD, Judicial System operations;

\$1,000,000 for the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, MA, for the development of law enforcement technologies;
 \$100,000 for the Hampshire County, MA, Triad;
 \$100,000 for the Phoenix House Treatment Center, MA;
 \$950,000 for the Milwaukee County, WI, Judicial Oversight Demonstration Initiative;
 \$400,000 for the Milwaukee, WI, Community Partners;
 \$300,000 for the New Orleans District Attorney's Office for system upgrades;
 \$1,000,000 for the Child Safe Personalized Weapon, New Jersey's Institute of Technology;
 \$1,500,000 for the Baltimore City Operation Safe Streets;
 \$150,000 for the Leadership and Public Service Mentoring and Education Program at the University of Florida;
 \$250,000 for the University of Nebraska at Kearney Polygraph Credibility Project;
 \$550,000 for the Henderson Emergency Operations Center, NV;
 \$50,000 for the UNLV Boyd School of Law Immigration Clinic;
 \$50,000 for the UNR Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies;
 \$30,000 for the Mineral County, Nevada, Sheriff's Office;
 \$735,000 for the Family Development Foundation, Las Vegas, Nevada;
 \$750,000 for the National Judicial College;
 \$400,000 for the Bodega Association of NYC;
 \$130,000 for the National Megan's Law Helpline; and
 \$500,000 for the Tools for Tolerance Program;

Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.—The conference agreement includes \$10,000,000 to assist States in building or enhancing prescription drug monitoring systems, facilitating the exchange of information between States, and providing technical assistance and training on establishing and operating effective prescription drug monitoring programs. During 2002, 6.2 million Americans abused prescription drugs. The conferees expect OJP to collaborate with DEA and other entities of the Executive Branch, such as the Food and Drug Administration and the Office of National Drug Control Policy, to ensure a coordinated government-wide approach to address prescription drug diversion. The Department of Justice is directed to submit quarterly reports describing its efforts to address prescription drug diversion.

Prison Rape Prevention and Prosecution.—The conference agreement provides \$37,000,000 for implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–79). The conference agreement provides \$15,000,000 for the collection of statistics, data and research as authorized by section 4 of the Act; \$1,000,000 for the National Institute of Corrections for a national clearinghouse, training and education as authorized by section 5 of the Act; \$20,000,000 for grants to States to protect inmates and safeguard communities as authorized by section 6 of the Act; and \$1,000,000 to be transferred to the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission.

Improving State and Local Law Enforcement Intelligence Capabilities.—The conference agreement includes \$10,500,000 for the implementation of the National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan and the efforts of the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative. The conferees direct this funding to be used to support training for State and local law enforcement on the intelligence process including planning, collection, analysis, dissemination and reevaluation. This program should continue to provide support for training in the use of intelligence as a tool in identifying pre-incident indicators. The conferees believe the training should ensure that law enforcement officials are protecting individuals' privacy, civil rights, civil liberties, and constitutional rights within the intelligence process. The conferees also expect some funding to be available to promote the use of information technology standards among law enforcement to ensure that the data can be exchanged across disparate information systems.

WEED AND SEED PROGRAM FUND

The conference agreement includes \$62,000,000 for the Weed and Seed program as proposed by the Senate. Of the funds provided, \$2,000,000 shall be for comprehensive community development training and technical assistance.

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES

The conference agreement includes \$606,446,000 for Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) programs instead of \$686,702,000 as proposed by the House and \$755,969,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The table below displays the funding provided in the conference agreement compared to the level of funds requested under the COPS and Justice Assistance headings for similar activities and compared to the levels provided in the House and Senate bills.

[In thousands of dollars]

Program	FY 2004 enacted	FY 2005 request	House	Senate	Conference
Enhancement Grants			113,000		
Hiring/School Resource Officers	118,737			180,000	10,000
Training and Technical Assistance	(5,000)	17,625		20,000	15,000
Tribal Law Enforcement	24,737	20,000		20,000	20,000
Meth Hot Spots	53,482	20,000	60,000	55,000	52,556
COPS Technologies	156,740		130,000	110,969	138,615
Interoperable Communications	84,106	1,550		100,000	100,000
Safe Schools Initiative	4,552			5,000	4,325
Police Integrity Grants	9,894	10,000		15,000	7,500
Management and Administration	29,684	27,914	27,914	35,000	30,000
Prior Year Balances (Rescission)		(53,471)			
Bullet-Proof Vests	24,737	24,950	25,000	25,000	25,000
Police Corps	14,842	27,579	20,000	15,000	15,000
Criminal Records Upgrade	29,684	56,186	50,000		25,000
DNA Initiative	98,948	175,788	175,788	100,000	110,000
Paul Coverdell Forensic Science	9,894			20,000	15,000
Crime Identification Technology Act	23,971			35,000	28,450
(Safe Schools Technologies)	(4,948)			(5,000)	
SW Border Prosecutor Program	29,684	47,431	40,000		
Project Safe Neighborhoods	29,684	45,080	30,000	15,000	
Offender Re-Entry	4,948	15,000	15,000	5,000	10,000

(In thousands of dollars)

Program	FY 2004 enacted	FY 2005 request	House	Senate	Conference
Grand total	748,324	.....	686,702	755,969	606,446

COPS Hiring Program.—The conference agreement includes \$10,000,000 for the hiring of law enforcement officers, of which \$5,000,000 shall be for school resource officers.

Police Corps.—The conference agreement includes \$15,000,000 for the Police Corps program. The conferees expect that the Police Corps training curriculum will incorporate all relevant training portions of the National Criminal Intelligence Sharing Plan.

Indian Country.—The conferees recommend that 5 percent of COPS funds be provided directly to tribal judicial systems to assist Tribal Courts with the caseload associated with increased arrests as a result of more stringent tribal law enforcement.

Methamphetamine Enforcement and Clean-Up.—The conference agreement includes \$52,556,000 for State and local law enforcement programs to combat methamphetamine production and distribution, to target drug “hot spots,” and to remove and dispose of hazardous materials at clandestine methamphetamine labs.

Within the amount provided, the conference agreement includes \$20,000,000 to reimburse the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for assistance to State and local law enforcement for proper removal and disposal of hazardous materials at clandestine methamphetamine labs.

In addition, within the amount provided, the conferees expect the COPS Program Office, in consultation with DEA, to examine each of the following proposals, to provide grants if warranted, and to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations on its intentions for each proposal:

\$2,000,000 for a Washington State law enforcement methamphetamine initiative;

\$2,000,000 for the Methamphetamine Task Force in East Tennessee, to fight the spread of meth labs in this region;

\$250,000 for the Indiana State Police meth enforcement team;

\$300,000 for the Clackamas County, OR, Methamphetamine Initiative: Community Prosecution;

\$1,000,000 for the Minot State University Rural Methamphetamine Education Demonstration Project in North Dakota;

\$300,000 for the COPS Methamphetamine Drug Hot Spots Program in AR;

\$600,000 for the Marion County, OR, Methamphetamine Forensic Lab Enhancement;

\$6,000,000 for the Comprehensive Methamphetamine Response in HI;

\$1,500,000 for the Methamphetamine Clandestine Lab Task Force in IA;

\$600,000 for the Virginia State Police, of which \$175,000 shall be for the Northwest Virginia Regional Drug Task Force, and \$175,000 shall be for the Harrisonburg Drug Task Force to assist their efforts in combating methamphetamine;

\$2,000,000 for the Partnership for a Drug Free America to provide technical assistance to State and local law enforcement to address meth;

\$160,000 for Winston and Fayette Counties, AL, for a meth initiative;

\$1,500,000 for the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement, for the California Methamphetamine Strategy (CALMS);

\$250,000 for the Mineral Area Drug Task Force;

\$100,000 for the South Central Missouri Drug Task Force;

\$200,000 for the Southeast Missouri Drug Task Force;

\$100,000 for the Bradford County, PA, Sheriff's Department for a meth initiative;

\$250,000 for the Commerce City, CO, Police Department for meth initiatives;

\$250,000 for the Franklin County, MO, Sheriff's Department for Operation CHEM;

\$250,000 for the Regional Training Center in Sioux City, IA;

\$250,000 for the Iowa Office of Drug Control Policy for meth initiatives;

\$250,000 for the Daviess County, KY, Sheriff's Department to combat production and distribution of methamphetamine;

\$250,000 for the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Control Clandestine Laboratory Enforcement Program;

\$250,000 for the Nebraska State Patrol to combat the production and distribution of methamphetamine;

\$250,000 for Polk County, FL, Sheriff's Department to combat the production and distribution of methamphetamine;

\$250,000 for the Oregon Partnership meth prevention program;

\$350,000 for the Pennyryle Narcotics Task Force in KY;

\$300,000 for the Lincoln County, OR, Methamphetamine Intervention and Enforcement;

\$200,000 for the St. Matthews, SC, Police Dept Methamphetamine Initiative;

\$100,000 for the Merced County, CA, "Meth is Death" Project;

\$50,000 for the Lauderdale County, AL, Sheriff's Office Meth Initiative;

\$50,000 for the Colbert County, AL, Sheriff's Office Meth Initiative;

\$100,000 for the Guam Methamphetamine Initiative;

\$100,000 for the Miami Tribe's Meth Hot Spots program;

\$250,000 for the Pulaski County, IL, Sheriff Department Meth Initiative;

\$310,000 for the Fresno County, CA, District Attorney Methamphetamine Initiative;

\$500,000 for the TN 13th Judicial District/Surrounding Counties Methamphetamine Task Force;

\$100,000 for the Woodland, CA, Methamphetamine Enforcement;

\$100,000 for the Combined Ozarks Multi-Jurisdictional Enforcement Team [COMET] in MO;

\$750,000 for the Five County Northern UT Methamphetamine Project;

\$125,000 for Jackson County Methamphetamine Clean-Up in MS;

\$250,000 for the Jackson County Mississippi Sheriff's Department—Narcotics Task Force/Technology;

\$100,000 for Jefferson County, Colorado, Methamphetamine Interdiction & Response;

\$300,000 for the Kansas Methamphetamine Prevention Project;

\$400,000 for the Maricopa County Arizona Meth Funding;

\$250,000 for the Methamphetamine Addiction in MT;

\$1,000,000 for the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics—Methamphetamine Enforcement;

\$1,000,000 for the MoSmart Board, MO;

\$125,000 for the North Carolina Attorney General Office Meth Program;

\$250,000 for the North Carolina U.S. District Attorneys Meth;

\$200,000 for the State of Minnesota's Methamphetamine Hot Spots Initiative;

\$250,000 for the Statewide Drug Enforcement and Lab Equipment in NE;

\$26,000 for the Wright County Drug Mobile Command;

\$500,000 for the Methamphetamine Montana Initiative;

\$300,000 for the Anhydrous Ammonia Nurse Tank Locks in IA;

\$1,000,000 for the Wisconsin I Methamphetamine Law Enforcement Initiative;

\$300,000 for the Louisiana Methamphetamine Task Force;

\$1,750,000 for the Vermont Drug Task Force; and

\$60,000 for the Coos and Curry Co. METH Reduction, OR;

COPS Interoperable Communications Technology Program.—

The conference agreement provides \$100,000,000 to continue the COPS Interoperable Communications Technology Program being designed and implemented by the COPS Office, in consultation with NIJ's OS&T as well as the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The conferees commend the COPS Office for its coordination with other Federal agencies who deal with public safety interoperability. The conferees believe coordination of Federal efforts is critical to ensure our Nation's safety and a necessity if we are not to fall victim to the pitfalls of the past.

The conferees strongly support the need for minimum standards for law enforcement communications technology. Therefore, OS&T should continue to assist COPS in incorporating existing minimum standards into the formulation of this grant program. Within the amount provided, \$5,000,000 shall be transferred to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to continue the efforts of the Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLEs) regarding the development of a comprehensive suite of minimum standards for law enforcement communications.

The conferees commend the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences (ITS) in Boulder, Colorado, for all their efforts and contributions to the public safety communications statement of requirements. Their contributions were critical in addressing the many issues plaguing public safety organizations for decades.

Interoperable Standards.—Over a decade ago, APCO Project 25 was established through a joint effort of Public Safety First Responders, U.S. Industry, and elements of the Federal Government to provide the public safety community with interoperable, spectrally-efficient, economically-priced, digital radios capable of providing a variety of operationally required functions and features, including backward compatibility with existing analog land mobile radios.

The Project 25 suite of standards, being developed with the technical assistance of the Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) Standards Committee TR-8, is intended to satisfy defined user needs, allow multiple vendors to manufacture some or all components of the Project 25 system at their discretion, and ensure that components produced by many sources will be interoperable.

The timely completion of the Project 25 standards for all of the relevant communications systems equipment is essential to the public safety community. The conferees are concerned that the functional standards that specify key Project 25 system interfaces (such as the Inter-RF Subsystem Interface (ISSI), the Console Interface, and the Fixed Station Interface) have not been developed or approved, nor have the standards that define how the interfaces should be tested and evaluated.

The conferees encourage the OLES to work with CommTech within the National Institute of Justice and the Wireless Public SAFETY Interoperability COMmunications (SAFECOM) Program within the Department of Homeland Security, to consider the issuance of interim standards that can be used to specify the required functionality and testing validation characteristics.

Law Enforcement Technology Program.—The conference agreement includes \$138,615,000 for the COPS Law Enforcement Technology Program. The conference agreement adopts by reference the House report language concerning standards.

Within the overall amounts recommended, the conferees expect the COPS office to examine each of the following proposals, to provide grants if warranted, and to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations on its intentions for each proposal:

\$750,000 for the City of Lubbock, TX, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$1,125,000 for the State of New Mexico State Police;

\$1,500,000 for the Midwest Forensics Resource Center, IA;

\$500,000 for the Arkansas State Police for law enforcement technologies;

\$500,000 for the City of Stamford, CT, for law enforcement technologies;

\$750,000 for continued participation of Idaho in the Criminal Information Sharing Alliance;

\$750,000 for law enforcement technologies, to be split evenly between the City of Tucson, AZ Police Department and the Pima County, AZ Police Department;

\$250,000 for law enforcement technologies for sheriff's offices in Cochise County, AZ;

\$2,000,000 for the City of Asheville, NC, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$100,000 for the New Orleans Metropolitan Crime Commission;

\$70,000 for the Leesburg, VA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$2,100,000 for the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System for the State of Virginia;

\$1,500,000 for a statewide records management system for Virginia law enforcement;

\$15,000 for the Berryville, VA, Police Department for in-car cameras;

\$75,000 for the City of Manassas, VA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$40,000 for Guin, AL, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$20,000 for the Southside, AL, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$20,000 for the Boaz, AL, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$80,000 for the Morgan County, AL, Sheriff's Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$1,000,000 for the Simulated Prison Environment Crisis Aversion Tools for programs in Alabama, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania;

\$2,000,000 for law enforcement technology enhancements for Middle Rio Grande Border Region of Texas;

\$500,000 for the Florida Department of Corrections for a system to electronically monitor criminal probationers and link their location to crime events;

\$775,000 for the City of Houston, TX, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$500,000 for San Diego County, CA, Sheriff's Department for automation infrastructure upgrades;

\$500,000 for I-SAFE America;

\$500,000 for the City of Roseville, CA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$500,000 for the Placer County, CA, Sheriff's Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$1,000,000 for the Morris County, NJ, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$300,000 for the Sussex County, NJ, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$300,000 for the Somerset County, NJ, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$300,000 for the West Essex Port of Essex County, NJ, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$405,000 for Southside Virginia law enforcement agencies for law enforcement technologies;

\$3,000,000 for the Center for Criminal Justice Technology;
\$350,000 for the City of Moultrie, GA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$1,500,000 for the Oakland County, MI, Sheriff's Department for an Identification Based Information System (IBIS) including portable hand-held digital fingerprint and photo devices for patrol cars;

\$500,000 for the Morgan County, IL, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$350,000 for the City of Beardstown, IL, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$150,000 for the City of Peoria, IL, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$500,000 for the Iowa State University for a cyber-crime program;

\$750,000 for the East Valley Community Justice Center;

\$500,000 for San Bernardino, CA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$500,000 for the Redlands, CA, Police Department for a crime mapping project;

\$250,000 for the development of an electronic crime report filing system for San Bernardino County, CA;

\$750,000 for the Louisville, KY, Metro Police Department for mobile data terminals;

\$15,000 for the West Buechel, KY, Police Department for in-car computers and cameras;

\$70,000 for the Lynnview, KY, Police Department for law enforcement equipment;

\$1,000,000 for the Onondaga County, NY, Sheriff's Office for crime fighting technologies;

\$400,000 for the Syracuse, NY, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$250,000 for the Lee County, MS, Sheriff's Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$500,000 for the City of Largo, FL, for the Law Enforcement Accessing Data (LEAD) project;

\$500,000 for the Pinellas County, FL, Sheriff's Department for a consolidated law enforcement records management system;

\$1,250,000 for the City of La Verne, CA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$750,000 for the Los Angeles County, CA, Sheriff's Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$500,000 for the Criminal Justice Information System in Mecklenburg County, NC;

\$250,000 for the Dallas, TX, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$1,000,000 for law enforcement technologies for the Genesee/Finger Lakes region;

\$580,000 for Jasper County, MO, Sheriff's Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$20,000 for the City of Ozark, MO, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$1,000,000 for Greater Harris County, TX, for in-car police technologies;
\$150,000 for the Batavia, IL, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$1,000,000 for the Kendall County, IL, Sheriff's Office for law enforcement technologies;
\$300,000 for the Village of East Dundee, IL, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$250,000 for the DuPage County, IL, Sheriff's Office for law enforcement technologies;
\$250,000 for the City of Bastrop, LA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$250,000 for the Tuscaloosa County, AL, Sheriff's Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$250,000 for the Shelby County, AL, Sheriff's Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$250,000 for Aurora, CO, for law enforcement technologies;
\$250,000 for the City of Clearwater, FL, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$250,000 for the City of Mobile, AL, Police Department for mobile data terminals;
\$250,000 for the Riverside County, CA, Sheriff's Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$250,000 for the Pasco County, FL, Sheriff's Office for in-car cameras;
\$100,000 for the Alexander County, NC, Sheriff's Office for law enforcement technologies;
\$250,000 for the City of Corona, CA, Police Department for law enforcement equipment;
\$110,000 for the Page County, VA, Sheriff's Office for law enforcement technologies;
\$60,000 for the Rappahannock County, VA, Sheriff's Office for law enforcement technologies;
\$60,000 for the Orange County, VA, Sheriff's Office for law enforcement technologies;
\$60,000 for the Goochland County, VA, Sheriff's Office of law enforcement technologies;
\$250,000 for the Delaware Courts Organized to Serve program;
\$250,000 for the Cincinnati, OH, Police Department for a records management system;
\$250,000 for the Orange County, CA, Integrated Law and Justice System;
\$50,000 for the Prince William County, VA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$950,000 for the Fairfax County, VA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$50,000 for the Fairfax County, VA, Regional Intelligence Center for law enforcement technologies;
\$50,000 for the Fairfax City, VA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$250,000 for the Rappahannock, VA, Regional Jail for the criminal information exchange efforts;

\$250,000 for the Blount County, TN, Sheriff's Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$250,000 for the University of Central Florida and the Florida Law Enforcement Consortium to enhance information sharing among law enforcement in Florida;

\$100,000 for the Chesterfield County, VA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$25,000 for the Dinwiddie County, VA, Sheriff's Office for law enforcement technologies;

\$25,000 for the Isle Wight County, VA, Sheriff's Office for law enforcement technologies;

\$25,000 for the Southampton, VA, Sheriff's Office for law enforcement technologies;

\$100,000 for the City of Chesapeake, VA, Police Department for laptop computers;

\$75,000 for the City of Suffolk, VA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$150,000 for the Cobb County, GA, Sheriff's Department for the multi-level law enforcement technology project;

\$80,000 for the City of Lynchburg, VA, Police Department for in-car cameras;

\$80,000 for the City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, VA, consolidated law enforcement network;

\$190,000 for the Amherst County, VA, for law enforcement technologies;

\$245,000 for the Bristol Township, PA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$250,000 for Sarasota County, FL, for law enforcement technologies;

\$250,000 for Manatee County, FL, for law enforcement technologies;

\$250,000 for New Castle, PA, for law enforcement technologies;

\$100,000 for the Anson County, NC, Sheriff's Department for mobile data terminals;

\$200,000 for the Illinois State Police to develop an encryption system for criminal justice information;

\$100,000 for the Ashtabula City, OH, Police Department for a computer aided dispatch system;

\$1,300,000 for technology enhancements for law enforcement agencies in Northern Illinois;

\$250,000 for the Counties of Mid-Carolina Council of Government for law enforcement activities;

\$250,000 for the Putnam County, FL, Sheriff's Office for law enforcement technologies;

\$100,000 for the Macomb County, MI, Sheriff's Office for law enforcement technologies;

\$50,000 for the Shelby Township, MI, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$250,000 for the Sacramento County, CA, Sheriff's Department for an identification based information system;

\$112,000 for the City of Muncie, IN, for a crime scene analysis project;

\$250,000 for the York City, PA, Police Department for equipment to improve information sharing and purchase in-car digital video technology;

\$1,000,000 for the National Sheriff's Association Pegasus program;

\$1,000,000 for the Navajo Nation, AZ, for law enforcement technologies and crime prevention programs;

\$500,000 for the City of Key West, FL, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$125,000 for the City of Bayamon, PR, for law enforcement technologies and crime prevention programs;

\$125,000 for the City of Guaynabo, PR, for law enforcement technologies and crime prevention programs;

\$20,000 for the City of Warren, AR, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$150,000 for the Virginia Beach, VA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$100,000 for the Hampton, VA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$50,000 for the Accomack County, VA, Sheriff's Office for law enforcement technologies;

\$50,000 for the Northampton County, VA, Sheriff's Office for law enforcement technologies;

\$250,000 for the Borough of Chambersburg, PA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$200,000 for the Manchester Township, NJ, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$300,000 for the Kern County, CA, Sheriff's Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$70,000 for the San Luis Obispo County, CA, Sheriff's Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$250,000 for the Kalamazoo County, MI, Justice Integrated Management System;

\$250,000 for the Bernalillo County, NM, Sheriff's Department for law enforcement technologies;

\$1,000,000 for the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, MA;

\$500,000 for a Violent Crime Scene Response Unit in Arizona;

\$500,000 for Technology to Combat Crime and Terrorism in Phoenix;

\$1,000,000 for the WV High Technology Consortium Foundation;

\$500,000 for the Detroit WSU for police initiatives;

\$500,000 for NEMESIS—Sharable Law Enforcement CAD and OMS/JMS;

\$1,000,000 for the Missouri Criminal Justice Integration Project;

\$500,000 for the Huntsville, AL, Police Department Technology and Equipment upgrades;

\$500,000 for the Madison County, AL, Sheriff's Dept. Technology and Equipment upgrades;

\$100,000 for the Morgan County, AL, Sheriff's Dept. Technology and Equipment Upgrades;

\$500,000 for the San Mateo County, CA, Sheriff's Office for law enforcement technologies;
\$300,000 for Modesto, CA, for law enforcement technologies;
\$100,000 for Lakewood, NJ, for law enforcement technologies;
\$100,000 for Oakland, CA, for law enforcement technologies;
\$100,000 for Solano County, CA, for law enforcement technologies;
\$250,000 for the Montebello, CA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$250,000 for Pomona, CA, for law enforcement technologies;
\$188,000 for the Garden Grove, CA, Police Department for a digital camera system;
\$100,000 for Inglewood, CA, for law enforcement technologies;
\$200,000 for Fontana, CA, for law enforcement technologies;
\$100,000 for Colton, CA, for a police communications project;
\$300,000 for Rosemead, CA, for law enforcement technologies;
\$125,000 for Covina, CA, for law enforcement technologies;
\$100,000 for West Covina, CA, for law enforcement technologies;
\$1,000,000 for the San Francisco, CA, Police Department for a records management system;
\$500,000 for Santa Monica, CA, for law enforcement technologies;
\$150,000 for Whittier, CA, for a school resource officers program;
\$200,000 for the Lakewood, CA, Sheriff's Department, for technology improvements;
\$50,000 for the Fullerton, CA, Police Department, for law enforcement technologies;
\$200,000 for Salinas, CA, for the Mobile Automated Fingerprint and Facial Recognition System;
\$200,000 for the Santa Ana, CA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$500,000 for the Connecticut Department of Safety for law enforcement technologies;
\$500,000 for the Connecticut State Police for law enforcement technologies;
\$100,000 for Baker County, GA, for law enforcement technologies;
\$45,000 for Shellman, GA, for law enforcement technologies and equipment;
\$100,000 for Atlanta, GA, for law enforcement technologies;
\$50,000 for the Illinois State Police Academy;
\$100,000 for the State of Illinois for law communications technologies;

\$450,000 for the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, IL, for law enforcement technologies;
\$150,000 for the Village of Niles, IL, for law enforcement technologies;
\$300,000 for Southcom law enforcement technologies in Illinois;
\$145,000 for the Jasper County, IN, Sheriff's Office for law enforcement technologies;
\$200,000 for the Portage, IN, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$25,000 for the Porter, IN, Police Department for technology upgrades;
\$500,000 for the Gary, IN, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$250,000 for the Franklin County, KY, for law enforcement equipment;
\$250,000 for Madison County, KY, for law enforcement technologies;
\$375,000 for North Worcester County, MA, for law enforcement technologies;
\$600,000 for Seekonk, MA, for law enforcement technologies;
\$165,000 for the Middlesex County, MA, Sheriff's Office for offender tracking technologies;
\$150,000 for Howard County, MD, for law enforcement technologies;
\$100,000 for Takoma Park, MD, for law enforcement technology improvements;
\$400,000 for the Prince George's County, MD, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$500,000 for the Maine Bureau of Warden Service for law enforcement technologies;
\$200,000 for the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Network;
\$80,000 for the Chippewa County, MI, Sheriff's Office for law enforcement technologies;
\$50,000 for Alger County, MI, for law enforcement technologies;
\$1,000,000 for the Hennepin County, MN, Sheriff's Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$200,000 for Durham, NC, for law enforcement technologies;
\$100,000 for the Charlotte, NC, Sheriff's Office for law enforcement technologies;
\$150,000 for Orange County, NC, for law enforcement technologies;
\$150,000 for the Morrisville, NC, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$500,000 for the Bismarck, ND, Memorial Police and Training Complex;
\$500,000 for Fargo, ND, for law enforcement technologies;
\$100,000 for Jamesburg, NJ, for law enforcement technologies;

\$100,000 for the Newark, NJ, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$1,000,000 for Jersey City, NJ, for SP law enforcement enhancements;
\$1,100,000 for Hudson County, NJ, for law enforcement technologies;
\$125,000 for the New Mexico Department of Public Safety for law enforcement technologies;
\$100,000 for the Suffolk County, NY, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$310,000 for Rochester, NY, for law enforcement technologies;
\$225,000 for the New York City Haber Houses for law enforcement technologies;
\$500,000 for Westchester and Rockland County, NY, for law enforcement communications;
\$200,000 for Brookhaven, NY, for law enforcement technologies;
\$200,000 for White Plains, NY, for law enforcement technologies;
\$140,000 for Westchester County, NY, for law enforcement technologies;
\$75,000 for Niagara, NY, for law enforcement technologies;
\$150,000 for Poughkeepsie, NY for law enforcement technologies;
\$250,000 for the Ulster County, NY, Sheriff's Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$500,000 for Thompsons County, NY for law enforcement technologies;
\$500,000 for Lucas County, OH, for law enforcement technologies;
\$100,000 for Canby, OR, for law enforcement technologies;
\$150,000 for Coos County, OR, for law enforcement technologies;
\$300,000 for Woodburn, OR, for police technology improvements;
\$200,000 for Clatsop County, OR, for law enforcement technologies;
\$500,000 for the State of Pennsylvania for prison technology upgrades;
\$1,000,000 for the State of Pennsylvania for law enforcement technologies;
\$500,000 for Philadelphia, PA, for law enforcement technologies;
\$250,000 for the Tiverton, RI, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$350,000 for the Central Falls, RI, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$200,000 for the Providence, RI, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$400,000 for the Bamberg County, SC, Sheriff's Department for law enforcement technologies;
\$200,000 for Manning, SC, for law enforcement technologies;

\$500,000 for Florence, SC, for law enforcement technologies;
 \$250,000 for the El Paso, TX, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
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 \$100,000 for Dallas, TX, for law enforcement technologies;
 \$500,000 Waco Police Dept., TX, law enforcement technologies;
 \$500,000 for the Waco, TX, Police Department for law enforcement communications;
 \$500,000 for the Salt Lake City, UT, Department of Public Safety for law enforcement technologies;
 \$250,000 for the Sandy City, UT, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
 \$400,000 for the Alexandria, VA, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
 \$500,000 for the Snohomish County, WA, Sheriff's Office for law enforcement technologies;
 \$500,000 for the Kitsap County, WA, Sheriff's Department for law enforcement technologies;
 \$200,000 for the Marathon County, WI, Sheriff's Department for law enforcement technologies;
 \$200,000 for the Douglas County, WI, Sheriff's Department for law enforcement technologies;
 \$300,000 for the Sun Prairie, WI, Police Department for law enforcement technologies;
 \$250,000 for Andover, KS, police technology equipment;
 \$100,000 for the Borough of Waynesboro, Franklin County, PA;
 \$600,000 for the City of Radcliff Law Enforcement Equipment, KY;
 \$300,000 for the City of Reading, PA, Integrated Geographic Information System;
 \$150,000 for the City of St. Joseph and Heartland Health Law Enforcement Communication System, MO;
 \$150,000 for the Clarion County, PA, Geographic Information System;
 \$1,000,000 for the continuation of digital radio conversion, NH;
 \$400,000 for the Corpus Christi Radio Communications and Security Equipment, TX;
 \$150,000 for the Derry Township, PA, Police Department;
 \$150,000 for the Dona Ana County, NM, Command Post Vehicle;
 \$300,000 for the ECU Center for Excellence—Criminal Justice, OK;
 \$300,000 for El Paso, TX, Interoperability;
 \$100,000 for the enforcement of crime identification assistance for the City of Kodiak, AK;
 \$300,000 for the Extend Radio System, WY;
 \$200,000 for the Hopkinsville-Christian County—Pennyrile Narcotics Task Force Partnership Equipment, KY;
 \$100,000 for In-Car Video Deployment, City of Martin, TN;

\$100,000 for Interagency Communications in GA;
 \$200,000 for the Internet Scale Event and Attack Generation Environment at ISU;
 \$400,000 for the Iowa State Patrol TraCS software and computer upgrade;
 \$400,000 for the Jefferson County Commission, AL, for video conferencing equipment for the Jefferson County Criminal Justice Center;
 \$100,000 for the Jefferson County, CO, COPLINK;
 \$1,000,000 for the Johnson County, KS, Sheriff's Office;
 \$125,000 for the Kansas Attorney General, for equipment;
 \$125,000 for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation mobile data terminals;
 \$600,000 for the Keene State College/UNH public safety management system;
 \$2,500,000 for the Land Mobile Radio migration for a multi-agency communications network in AK;
 \$1,000,000 for the Land Mobile Radio site infrastructure equipment and portable radios for the Kenai Peninsula Borough, AK;
 \$1,500,000 for the Land Mobile Radio/Public Safety Communications for Anchorage Infrastructure, AK;
 \$240,000 for Las Cruces, NM, Communications Infrastructure;
 \$100,000 for the Police Department Command Center in Billings, MT;
 \$100,000 for the Police Department Indoor Firearms Range in Billings, MT;
 \$200,000 for the Las Vegas, NV, Identity Theft Center;
 \$100,000 for the Greenville County, SC, communications system;
 \$300,000 for the Huntsville, Alabama Police Department equipment upgrades;
 \$1,500,000 for the Matanuska Susitna Borough Emergency Response Radio Network, AK;
 \$160,000 for the Mayfield, KY, Police Department for equipment;
 \$1,000,000 for the mobile computers for Wasilla, AK, for police squad cars;
 \$350,000 for the Montana Supreme Court Video Conferencing;
 \$150,000 for the Newport, RI, Area Interoperable Surveillance Network Upgrade;
 \$750,000 for the Records Interoperability through CATlab in NH;
 \$1,500,000 for the Regional Law Enforcement Communications System, City of Memphis and Shelby County;
 \$300,000 for the Rural Utah Law Enforcement Tech Program;
 \$100,000 for the Simpson County improvement to technology center, KY;
 \$1,000,000 for the Southaven Police Department for radios/equipment in MS;

\$250,000 for the Statewide Computer Aided Dispatch [CAD] System, NE, State Patrol;
\$2,000,000 for the statewide implementation of public safety technology through the University of New Hampshire;
\$265,000 for the Training Academy Driver Simulator for the State of Alaska;
\$2,000,000 for the Training Village Public Safety Officer in the State of Alaska;
\$300,000 for the CrimeTracks Georgia;
\$250,000 for Voice Viewer Technologies and Law Enforcement in WY;
\$100,000 for the Western Forensic Science and Law Enforcement Training Center in CO;
\$500,000 for the Yazoo City, MS, Police Department;
\$300,000 for the Delaware State Police for the Automatic Fingerprint Identification System;
\$200,000 for the New Castle County, DE, Police Department, for an upgraded records management system;
\$500,000 for the Interagency Communications Interoperability System [ICIS] in CA;
\$500,000 for the Solano County, CA, Radio Interoperability Project;
\$350,000 for the Snohomish County, WA, Sheriff Palm AFIS System;
\$60,000 for the Westchester County, NY, Police Department Interagency Radio Interconnect;
\$500,000 for the Town of North Hempstead, NY, Police Department Communication Management System;
\$1,000,000 for the Camden County, NJ, Law Enforcement Technology;
\$500,000 for the Hudson County, NJ, Law Enforcement Technology;
\$450,000 for the North East Minnesota Enforcement and Safety Information System [NEMESIS];
\$1,000,000 for the Fargo, ND, Interoperable Communications System;
\$400,000 for the Bismarck ND, Memorial Training Complex;
\$100,000 for technology upgrades for the Williamson County, IL, Sheriff's Department;
\$3,000,000 for the South Carolina Judicial Department Case Docket System;
\$4,000,000 for the Southeast National Law Enforcement Technology Center for the Backscatter and high-energy technology transmission x-ray technology;
\$100,000 for Arlington County, VA, for the Sheriff's Office for a pilot program to test a geo-location network;
\$400,000 for the Burlington, VT, Police Technology Grant;
\$100,000 for the Middlebury, VT, Police Technology Grant;
\$100,000 for the Bellows Falls, VT, Police Technology Grant;
\$325,000 for the Oglala Sioux Tribe, South Dakota for technology and equipment;

\$750,000 for the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Technology and Training Support Center;

\$100,000 for the Essex County, MA, law enforcement technology;

\$500,000 for the Milwaukee Police Department Mobile Two-Finger ID System, WI;

\$90,000 for the Town of Brookfield Police Department Technology Upgrades, WI;

\$100,000 for the City of Elizabeth, NJ, Law Enforcement Communication Interoperability Enhancement;

\$300,000 for the St. Clair County, MI, Sheriff's Department Communications towers and equipment upgrades;

\$200,000 for the Downriver Mutual Aid communications equipment, MI;

\$750,000 for the Arkansas State Police Automated Fingerprint Identification System;

\$1,400,000 for the Montgomery County, MD, Police Department for National Capital Region Criminal Identification System Update;

\$400,000 for the Wireless High Speed Network for Prince George's County, MD;

\$700,000 for the City of Rockville, MD, COPS Technology Grant;

\$1,000,000 for the Pierce County, WA, Police Rapid Mobile Response Network;

\$500,000 for Miami-Dade County, FL, Law Enforcement Technology Enhancements;

\$250,000 for the Alachua County/City of Gainesville, FL, Enforcement Communications Upgrade;

\$150,000 for Providence, RI, Police Department Technology;

\$150,000 for the Smithfield, RI, Police Department Emergency Management Operation Center;

\$1,500,000 for the Las Vegas, NV, Metropolitan Police Department Communications System;

\$155,000 for the Churchill County, NV, Sheriff's Office Interoperability Communication Project; and

\$200,000 for the Boulder City, NV, Wireless Communications Canopy;

Crime Identification Technology Act.—The conference agreement includes \$28,450,000 for the Crime Identification Technology Act program. Within the overall amounts recommended, the conferees expect OJP to examine each of the following proposals, to provide grants if warranted, and to submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations on its intentions for each proposal:

\$2,000,000 for the Harrison County Public Safety Automated Systems in MS;

\$200,000 for the City of St. Paul/Ramsey County co-location of public safety equipment in MN;

\$325,000 for North Carolina Supreme Court Security;

\$200,000 for the MAGIC Pegasus Project for the Jefferson County Sheriff in AL;

\$600,000 for Case and Document Management in MT;

\$150,000 for the Marion County, MS, Sheriff's Department for equipment;

\$250,000 for the Pascagoula, MS, Police Department for equipment;

\$1,000,000 for the Alaska Court System Information Network;

\$4,000,000 for the Marshall University Forensic Science DNA Lab in WV;

\$4,000,000 for the West Virginia University Forensic Science Initiative;

\$525,000 for Marshall University Computer Forensics in WV;

\$1,000,000 for the Forensic DNA Analysis Lab at North Dakota University;

\$11,050,000 for the South Carolina Judicial Department case document system;

\$1,000,000 for the Honolulu PD Crime Lab in HI;

\$500,000 for the Fox Valley Technical College [FVTC] DNA Training Initiative in WI;

\$1,000,000 for equipment and planning for the Vermont Forensics Laboratory; and

\$400,000 for the Vermont Incident Based Reporting System.

DNA Initiative.—The conference agreement includes \$110,000,000 for a DNA analysis and capacity enhancement program including eliminating casework backlogs, eliminating offender backlogs, strengthening crime lab capacity, training of the criminal justice community and identifying missing persons. OJP shall submit a financial plan for this program within 60 days of enactment of this Act. In addition, the conference agreement provides \$15,000,000 for Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement grants.

Safe Schools Initiative.—The conference agreement includes \$4,325,000 for programs aimed at preventing violence in public schools, and to support the assignment of officers to work in collaboration with schools and community-based organizations to address the threat of terrorism, crime, disorder, gangs, and drug activities.

Within the amount provided, the COPS Office should examine each of the following proposals, provide grants if warranted, and submit a report to the Committees on Appropriations on its intentions for each proposal:

\$750,000 for the Alaska Community in Schools Mentoring Program;

\$300,000 for the Granite School District Anti-Violence Project in UT;

\$125,000 for the HOPE for Henderson Juvenile Justice in KY;

\$200,000 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-Violence in PA;

\$500,000 for School-Based Violence Prevention and Mentoring in IL;

\$1,200,000 for the Schools and Communities Coming Together in MT; and

\$1,250,000 for the Youth Advocates Programs in SC.

JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAMS

The conference agreement includes \$384,177,000 for Juvenile Justice programs, instead of \$349,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$360,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement provides for the following programs:

[In thousands of dollars]

<i>Program</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Part A—Coordination of Federal Efforts	\$3,000
Part B—State Formula	84,000
Part D—Research and Development	10,000
Part E—Demonstration Projects	102,177
Juvenile Mentoring Program	15,000
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	(7,000)
Title V—Incentive Grants	80,000
Tribal Youth	(10,000)
Gang Prevention	(25,000)
Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program	(25,000)
Secure Our Schools Act	15,000
Victims of Child Abuse Programs	15,000
Juvenile Accountability Block Grant	55,000
Project Childsafe	5,000
Total	384,177

Concentration of Federal Efforts.—The conferees commend the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for its leadership of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency. The conferees understand that there has been an increase in interest and membership which has allowed the Council to more effectively examine and address the Federal, State and local response to juvenile justice issues. The conferees strongly support the Council's efforts in addressing truancy, children's mental health issues, and adolescent substance abuse issues, as well as their role on the White House Task Force for disadvantaged youth.

Discretionary Grants.—The conference agreement includes \$102,177,000 for part E programs. Within the amounts provided, OJP is expected to review the following proposals, provide grants if warranted, and report to the Committees on Appropriations on its intentions:

- \$1,900,000 for law-related education;
- \$1,500,000 for Girls and Boys Town, U.S.A.;
- \$1,750,000 for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges;
- \$750,000 for Teens, Crime and Community;
- \$4,000,000 for the Eisenhower Foundation for the Youth Safe Haven program;
- \$250,000 for Lea County, NM, for a juvenile corrections education program;
- \$150,000 for the Fort Worth Comin' Up Gang Violence Prevention program, TX;
- \$700,000 for the University of South Alabama for youth violence prevention research;
- \$250,000 for the University of Connecticut for a juvenile delinquency prevention program;

\$200,000 for the Rhode Island Court Truancy Court Program;
 \$500,000 for the Dakota Boys Ranch Mentoring Program in ND;
 \$200,000 for the Colton Police Activities League [PAL] Program in CA;
 \$700,000 for the Los Angeles Community Law Enforcement and Recovery Program [CLEAR];
 \$1,600,000 for the continuation of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Protecting Our Children: Working Together to End Child Prostitution program;
 \$600,000 for Northwestern University's Juvenile Project;
 \$1,750,000 for Parents Anonymous;
 \$500,000 for the Stark County Court, Juvenile Pre-Trial Services Office to assist with the implementation of early intervention strategies for targeted youth in Stark County, OH;
 \$500,000 for the juvenile delinquency prevention programs in Massillon, OH;
 \$100,000 for A Child is Missing, Inc. in OH;
 \$225,000 for the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America "Stop the Violence" program;
 \$250,000 for the Buckhorn Lake Children's Center for programs to serve at-risk youth;
 \$250,000 for Prevent Child Abuse America for the programs of the National Family Support Roundtable;
 \$750,000 for the ACA—NY for an anti-drinking program for children ages 11 and above;
 \$3,000,000 for the Hamilton Fish National Institute on School and Community Violence;
 \$650,000 for Learning for Life;
 \$350,000 for the Virginia Attorney General's Office for Class Action and other educational programs in Virginia schools;
 \$1,000,000 for the Center for Successful Parenting;
 \$700,000 for the Association of Christian Community Computer Centers;
 \$500,000 for Youth for Tomorrow;
 \$225,000 for the Memorial Child Guidance Clinic's Child SAVE program;
 \$200,000 for the Farmington Children's Home for delinquency prevention programs;
 \$200,000 for Operation Blue Ridge Thunder;
 \$750,000 for the Tarrant County Youth Collaboration for a child abuse prevention program;
 \$750,000 for the Residential Care Consortium for delinquency prevention programs;
 \$75,000 for Waukon, IA, for a youth intervention program;
 \$400,000 for the IMPACT/Night Light Program in San Bernardino County, CA, to team police officers with probation officers to reduce juvenile crime;
 \$250,000 for the Child Endangerment Response Coalition in Spokane, WA;
 \$500,000 for the International Youth Service and Development Corps. for programs in Washington, DC;

\$300,000 for Project Choice, a gang prevention program in Syracuse, NY;
 \$300,000 for the Violence Intervention and Prevention Project in Syracuse, NY;
 \$1,500,000 for the Drug Free America Foundation for an anti-drug program for youth, parents, and teachers;
 \$500,000 for Eckerd Youth Alternatives to divert at-risk and troubled youth from the criminal justice system through residential and community-based programs;
 \$250,000 for the Pinellas County, FL, Police Athletic League;
 \$250,000 for the Florida Gulf Coast University Interagency Family Assessment Team program for at-risk youth;
 \$500,000 for the Marcus Institute in Atlanta, GA, for a juvenile crime and delinquency study;
 \$250,000 for the ARISE Foundation;
 \$250,000 for the Miami-Dade Juvenile Assessment Center;
 \$250,000 for Darkness to Light;
 \$60,000 for the Page County, VA, Sheriff's Office for a juvenile crime prevention program;
 \$100,000 for the City of South Bend, IN, youth gang violence prevention initiative;
 \$100,000 for the CHKD Child Abuse Program;
 \$250,000 for the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice for statewide technology system enhancements;
 \$500,000 for the Daytop, NJ, alcohol and drug treatment program for at-risk youth;
 \$250,000 for the Ohel Children's Home & Family Services for a child abuse prevention program;
 \$250,000 for juvenile delinquency prevention programs in Van Wert, OH;
 \$100,000 for the Laurinburg, NC, for a juvenile delinquency program;
 \$150,000 for the DuPage County, IL, Youth Mentoring Program;
 \$250,000 for the Teen Challenge program for at-risk youth in IL;
 \$250,000 for the Covenant House New Jersey's Right of Passage program;
 \$700,000 for the Wayne County, MI, for a juvenile mentoring program;
 \$100,000 for the Boys and Girls Home of Nebraska;
 \$45,000 for the Generation Next Youth Empowerment Program in Dumas, AR, to prevent juvenile delinquency;
 \$200,000 for A Child Is Missing, Inc, FL;
 \$1,500,000 for World Vision for at-risk youth programs;
 \$150,000 for Greater Trenton, NJ, for an at-risk youth program;
 \$250,000 for the Healthy Schools Initiative in NJ;
 \$100,000 for A Child Is Missing, Inc, OK;
 \$250,000 for a juvenile court program in Philadelphia, PA;
 \$100,000 for the LaSalle, IL, Child Advocacy Center;
 \$100,000 for Operation Take Back Narcotics Enforcement in Detroit, MI;

\$750,000 for the California Safe from the Start;
 \$750,000 for the Bay Area Youth Violence Prevention Network;
 \$450,000 for the San Francisco, CA, "Safe Streets Project";
 \$100,000 for the City Parks Foundation programs for at-risk youth in the Bronx, NY;
 \$500,000 for the Lehman College, NY, program for at-risk youth;
 \$100,000 for the Woodycrest, NY, program for at-risk youth;
 \$100,000 for the Adventist Healthcare Facility, MD, for an at-risk youth program;
 \$100,000 for the DePaul Stand Tall Program;
 \$300,000 for Fordham University's Regional Education Technology Center to assist at-risk youth;
 \$75,000 for the Fordham Youth Ministry for teens;
 \$250,000 for Project Avary—Children of Imprisoned Parents;
 \$100,000 for the After-School Alliance National Resource Center;
 \$100,000 for the Sistas and Brothas alternatives to gangs and drugs;
 \$200,000 for Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice;
 \$400,000 for the Mary Mitchell Family and Youth Center programs for families and teens;
 \$475,000 for the Boys and Girls Home and Family Services, IA;
 \$300,000 for an at-risk youth program in Chicago schools;
 \$700,000 for Messiah College, PA, programs for at-risk teens;
 \$100,000 for the Marion County, OR, for the Children of Incarcerated Parents Initiative;
 \$100,000 for the Marion County, OR, for Co-occurring Disorders Pilot Project for at-risk youth;
 \$200,000 for the Clackamas County, OR, Juvenile Community Assessment Center;
 \$500,000 for the Granite, UT, Rock Solid Project for at-risk youth;
 \$300,000 for the Spurwink Institute program for at-risk youth;
 \$1,000,000 for the Washington State School Security program;
 \$500,000 for the USTA for at-risk youth;
 \$200,000 for the Barron County Restorative Justice Truancy Initiative;
 \$200,000 for Phipps Houses;
 \$900,000 for Philadelphia's College Opportunity Resources for Education (C.O.R.E.) initiative for at-risk youth;
 \$100,000 for the At-Risk Youth Entrepreneurship Program at New Covenant Campus, PA;
 \$1,000,000 for the City of Toledo, OH, Police Athletic League Youth Center for at-risk youth;
 \$500,000 for Opportunities, Alternatives, and Resources for youth;

\$100,000 for Substance Abuse Prevention for Youth, MA;
 \$200,000 for the Liberty's Promise programs for youth;
 \$100,000 for the Indiana "No Workshops, No Jumpshots"
 program for at-risk youth;
 \$150,000 for the Thomas Area Teen Center for youth;
 \$150,000 for the City of Dawson, GA, Youth Advocacy;
 \$200,000 for the Muscogee County, GA, National Model
 Parenting Center;
 \$75,000 for the Mitchell County, GA, Youth Advocacy and
 Outreach Program;
 \$500,000 for Youth Crime Watch, FL;
 \$200,000 for Jump Start Tallahassee, FL, for at-risk
 youth;
 \$500,000 for the Juvenile Justice Education Program
 Model Study for teens;
 \$150,000 for the Overtown Youth Center, Miami, FL;
 \$200,000 for Florence Crittendon programs for at-risk
 teens;
 \$250,000 for the Richland County, SC, ScoutReach pro-
 gram;
 \$100,000 for the Village of Riverdale, IL, programs for
 youth;
 \$200,000 for the TechMission Youth Program for at-risk
 kids, MA;
 \$200,000 for Operation Quality Time for at-risk youth, AZ;
 \$150,000 for the April Michelle West Foundation's Win-
 ners by Choice program for at-risk teens;
 \$250,000 for the Camp Police Athletic League of NJ;
 \$200,000 for Soundview Community in Action for outreach
 for teens, NY;
 \$150,000 for the Project Parkchester Youth Zone;
 \$100,000 for the Hope and Help for All Foundation At-Risk
 Juvenile Mentoring Program;
 \$200,000 for the Community Outreach Center Drug Pre-
 vention Program, NY;
 \$200,000 for the Bronx, NY, Cluster of Settlement Houses
 At-Risk Youth Mentoring Program;
 \$300,000 for the Anti-Gang Initiative of the Urban League
 of Long Island, NY;
 \$50,000 for City Parks Foundation programs for at-risk
 youth—Queens, NY;
 \$250,000 for the ABT programs for at-risk youth;
 \$150,000 for Fortune Society programs for children of in-
 carcerated parents in NY;
 \$225,000 for the Nassau County, NY, Youth Board pro-
 grams;
 \$50,000 for the Nassau County, NY, Police Dept. programs
 for at-risk youth;
 \$225,000 for the Grace Multi-Community Development
 Corporation, Uniondale, NY;
 \$250,000 for the Roy Wilkins Park Family Center, Project
 Re-Connect;
 \$100,000 for the GRADS Foundation, Inc. programs for at-
 risk youth;

\$310,000 for BAM programs to prevent juvenile delinquency;
 \$140,000 for the New York Acorn programs to prevent teen delinquency;
 \$100,000 for the Community Service Society/Enterprise Corps programs for at-risk kids, NY;
 \$200,000 for the Harlem, NY, RBI programs for at-risk youth;
 \$200,000 for the NYC College of Tech at-risk youth education;
 \$75,000 for the Downtown Learning Center—expansion of programs for at-risk youth, NY;
 \$75,000 for City Parks Foundation programs for at-risk teens in East NY;
 \$250,000 for the Project Intercept program to prevent at-risk youth from turning to drugs, NY;
 \$100,000 for the Brooklyn Arts Council’s Arts in Education Program for at-risk youth;
 \$60,000 for the Gilbert-Lindsay Center for Youth;
 \$100,000 for the Junior Aztec Fire Fuels Crew programs for at-risk kids in Cypress Park, CA;
 \$250,000 for the Northeast Trees at risk youth program;
 \$40,000 for the Reach Our Community Kids (ROCK);
 \$100,000 for the Eagle Rock Center “Will Power to Youth” programs, CA;
 \$250,000 for Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi programs decreasing behaviors in at-risk youth;
 \$500,000 for the Hispanic National Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program—Self-Reliance Foundation;
 \$150,000 for the City of Norwalk, CA for the Teen Alliance Program;
 \$250,000 for the Before- and After-School Delinquency Prevention Program, TX;
 \$150,000 for the Gang Alternative Program in Southeast Los Angeles County, CA;
 \$500,000 for the Texas A&M Center for at-risk youth;
 \$200,000 for the SBH Services for at-risk youth, NY;
 \$200,000 for the Boricua College Project Success for at-risk youth, NY;
 \$200,000 for the NYC YD programs for at-risk teens, NY;
 \$100,000 for the Loisaida Youth Leadership Academy for at-risk kids, NY;
 \$250,000 for the La Esperanza Home for Boys, TX;
 \$250,000 for the Anaheim, CA, Police Activities League Center;
 \$500,000 for the Los Angeles County, CA, Friends of Child Advocates;
 \$100,000 for the Teen Shelter, AL, programs for at-risk teens;
 \$100,000 for the Northwest Alabama Children’s Advocacy Center;
 \$50,000 for the Morgan County, AL, Child Advocacy Center;

\$250,000 for the Gateway Healthcare in Pawtucket, RI, programs for at-risk youth;
 \$500,000 for the Rhode Island Family Court programs for youth and families;
 \$500,000 for the Folwell Neighborhood Association, MN, programs for kids;
 \$100,000 for the Collaborative Drug Intervention Committees, NJ;
 \$100,000 for the Lena Park Development Corporation for services for at-risk youth, MA;
 \$100,000 for the Stillman College Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Program, AL;
 \$100,000 Amer-I-Can program for youth, IL;
 \$100,000 for the Old King's Orchard Community Center Teen Reach Program, IL;
 \$100,000 for the Juvenile Justice Center at Suffolk University Law School, MA;
 \$100,000 for the Vermont Coalition of Teen Centers;
 \$500,000 for the Youth Development and Crime Prevention Initiative, CA;
 \$60,000 for the Middlesex District Attorney Citizenship in Action Institute;
 \$300,000 for the Jovenes program for at-risk youth;
 \$150,000 for NYC Arts for at-risk youth;
 \$200,000 for the Medgar Evers at-risk youth program;
 \$100,000 for the VA "No Workshops, No Jumpshots";
 \$100,000 for Metropolitan Family Services for at-risk youth;
 \$200,000 for the Mayor's Time disadvantaged and at-risk youth program;
 \$100,000 for Wayne County, MI, Teen Court;
 \$375,000 for a Salinas Gang Violence program for at-risk youth;
 \$200,000 for the Washington County, OR, for a juvenile justice prevention program;
 \$400,000 for the Alabama Council on Substance Abuse-NCADD;
 \$2,000,000 for the Alaska Child Advocacy Center for a child abuse investigation program;
 \$600,000 for the Alaska Children's Trust child abuse prevention program;
 \$750,000 for the Alaska Mentoring Demonstration Project for a statewide at-risk youth mentoring program;
 \$1,000,000 for the Alaska Youth Courts;
 \$300,000 for An Achievable Dream program in VA;
 \$2,000,000 for the Anaheim Learning Center in CA;
 \$3,000,000 for the Cal Ripken, Sr., Foundation;
 \$602,000 for the Child Support Enforcement Incentives in AK;
 \$100,000 for the Clinton County, PA, Action Team Against Drugs;
 \$1,000,000 for the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire;

\$100,000 for the Child Protection Program/Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai, ID;
 \$75,000 for the Shelby County, TN, Youth Violence and Gang Prevention—Initiative;
 \$500,000 for the Daniel Webster Boy Scout Council for outdoor education;
 \$3,000,000 for the Life Skills Training Program in Saint Augustine, FL;
 \$1,750,000 for the Girl Scouts Beyond Bars and PAVE programs;
 \$600,000 for the Iowa Mentor Center for a rural mentoring program in partnership with Big Brothers/Big Sisters;
 \$300,000 for the Jackson, MS, Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Program;
 \$4,000,000 for the Junior Achievement program;
 \$200,000 for the Juvenile Fire Setters Prevention Program;
 \$100,000 for the Juvenile Justice Program Enhancement in UT;
 \$100,000 for the Juvenile Justice Work Program in UT;
 \$75,000 for the Lonesome Pine Office on Youth in VA;
 \$250,000 for the MO Juvenile Justice Labs;
 \$200,000 for the Morning Star Ranch, Florence, KS;
 \$125,000 for the Native American Liaison at the Child and Family Intervention Center in Billings, MT;
 \$100,000 for the New Hampshire Expansion of the Go Girl Go program;
 \$300,000 for the State of New Mexico for juvenile offenders;
 \$225,000 for the University of Southern Mississippi Citizenship and Justice Academy;
 \$350,000 for the USM Family Network Partnership Program;
 \$600,000 for the Western Kentucky University Spotlight Youth Program;
 \$200,000 for the Winona State University Child Protection/Training Center in Minnesota;
 \$100,000 for the “I Have a Dream” Foundation;
 \$800,000 for the Juvenile Justice Information System in HI;
 \$600,000 for Children & Families First of DE;
 \$200,000 for the New Mexico Police Athletic League;
 \$750,000 for the Outdoor Education Center project, Harpers Ferry, WV;
 \$350,000 for Women In Support of the Million Man March in Newark, NJ;
 \$150,000 for Brookdale Community College for Project OP-TIMIST in NJ;
 \$400,000 for the Generations of Hope program in IL;
 \$100,000 for the Horizons for Youth program in IL;
 \$250,000 for the San Jose, B.E.S.T At-Risk Youth and Anti-Gang Program in CA;
 \$500,000 for the Drug Endangered Children program in IA;

\$325,000 for Court Teams for Maltreated Infants and Toddlers in IA;
 \$200,000 for WINGS for kids, SC;
 \$100,000 for the Children in Crisis in SC;
 \$3,000,000 for the Hawaii Rural Youth Outreach Program;
 \$750,000 for the Families and Schools Together (FAST) in Wisconsin;
 \$60,000 for the Eau Claire County Restorative Justice Program in WI;
 \$150,000 for the Milwaukee Summer Stars program in WI;
 \$500,000 for Louisiana Children's Advocacy Centers;
 \$300,000 for the Washington County Youth Service Bureau, VT;
 \$250,000 for the Nevada Child Seekers;
 \$200,000 for the Computer Corp Skills and Knowledge Acquired Toward Enhancing Success in NV; and
 \$100,000 for the S.A.F.E. House Domestic Violence Counseling Center in NV.

Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Program.—Within the funds provided in the At Risk Children Program (Title V), the conference agreement provides \$25,000,000 for grants to assist States in enforcing underage drinking laws.

Gang Prevention.—The conference agreement includes \$25,000,000, within Title V grants, for OJP to administer a gang resistance and education program. These funds shall be available to develop comprehensive community strategies to address gangs, including anti-gang education programs and coordination with Federal, State and local law enforcement. This program shall be administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance with assistance from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Internet Safety.—The conferees strongly support programs that provide various services and resources to protect children from being vulnerable to on-line predators. The conferees understand there are a multitude of arenas where parents, law enforcement personnel, school personnel and after-school programs can obtain information about Internet safety. The conferees desire a better understanding of what types and how many Internet safety programs are being Federally funded. The conferees direct the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice, in coordination with the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency, to submit a report on Federally funded internet safety programs to the Committees on Appropriations within 180 days of the enactment of this Act.

Victims of Child Abuse Act.—The conference agreement includes \$15,000,000 for the various programs authorized under the Victims of Child Abuse Act (VOCA). The recommendation provides the following:

\$3,000,000 for Regional Children's Advocacy Centers, as authorized by section 213 of VOCA;
 \$9,500,000 for local Children's Advocacy Centers, as authorized by section 214 of VOCA;
 \$50,000 for the National Children's Advocacy Center in Huntsville, AL, to implement a training program;

\$850,000 for the National Children's Alliance for technical assistance and training, as authorized by section 214a of VOCA; and

\$1,600,000 for the National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse for specialized technical assistance and training programs to improve the prosecution of child abuse cases, as authorized by section 214a of VOCA.

PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS BENEFITS

The conference agreement includes \$69,464,000 for this account, including \$63,054,000 for death benefits, \$3,615,000 for disability benefits, and \$2,795,000 for education benefits.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The conference agreement includes the following general provisions for the Department of Justice:

Section 101 provides language making up to \$60,000 of the funds appropriated to the Department of Justice available to the Attorney General for reception and representation expenses.

Section 102 provides language, included in prior Appropriations Acts, which prohibits the use of funds to perform abortions in the Federal Prison System.

Section 103 provides language, included in previous Appropriations Acts, which prohibits use of the funds in this bill to require any person to perform, or facilitate the performance of, an abortion.

Section 104 provides language, included in previous Appropriations Acts, which states that nothing in the previous section removes the obligation of the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to provide escort services to female inmates who seek to obtain abortions outside a Federal facility.

Section 105 includes language providing authorization for Department of Justice programs until the effective date of a subsequent Justice authorization act.

Section 106 provides language allowing the Department of Justice, subject to the Committees' reprogramming procedures, to transfer up to 5 percent between any appropriation, but limits to 10 percent the amount that can be transferred into any one appropriation. The provision also prohibits transfers of funds from the Bureau of Prisons Buildings and Facilities account unless the President certifies that such a transfer is necessary to the national security interests of the United States, and such authority shall not be delegated, and shall be subject to section 605 of this Act.

Section 107 provides language to continue section 114 of Public Law 107-77 during fiscal year 2005.

Section 108 includes language regarding additional funding for Project Seahawk.

Section 109 provides for the extension of the Personnel Management Demonstration Project for certain positions of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Section 110 prohibits the Drug Enforcement Administration from establishing procurement quotas in certain circumstances.

Section 111 provides for the establishment of procurement quotas for certain drugs following the approval of a new drug application.

Section 112 empowers the Director of the FBI to, on a case-by-case basis, delay the mandatory retirement age of 57 for FBI agents until the agent reaches 65 years of age. Currently, the Director is authorized to delay mandatory retirement until the agent reaches 60 years of age. This provision does not require agents to work past the age of 57, but gives the Director the authority to extend agents until the age of 65 in certain circumstances.

Section 113 provides the Director of the FBI with the authority, after consultation with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), to provide retention and relocation bonuses to employees with high or unique qualifications who in the absence of bonuses would likely leave the FBI. The provision also allows for retention and relocation bonuses for individuals transferred to a different geographic area with a higher cost of living. A bonus may total up to 50 percent of an employee's basic rate of pay.

Section 114 authorizes the Director of the FBI to provide for the establishment and training of an FBI Reserve Service that would facilitate streamlined, temporary re-hiring from a pre-certified cadre of retired FBI employees who possess the specialized skills required to deal with the demands of a crisis or other special situation. The provision will allow the FBI to quickly access experienced employees in the event of an emergency, without adversely impacting reserve service members' retirement pay.

Section 115 authorizes the FBI, in conjunction with the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Personnel Management, to pay critical intelligence positions up to an Executive Schedule I salary provided that the position is determined to be (1) a high level position in a scientific, technical, professional, or administrative field, and (2) critical to the FBI's mission.

Section 116 provides authority for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to use confiscated funds during undercover operations.

Section 117 amends Title 31 of the United States Code to provide protection for the Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Section 118 requires the Bureau of Prisons to submit a financial plan.

Section 119 directs the Bureau of Prisons to work with the Federal Public Defender in the Southern District of Florida on a pilot program.

Section 120 limits the placement of maximum or high security prisoners to appropriately secure facilities.

Section 121 restricts Federal prisoner access to certain amenities.

Section 122 provides for payment of certain eligible radiation exposure claims.

Section 123 changes the name of the National Prison Rape Reduction Commission to the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission.

Section 124 establishes the 9/11 Heroes Medal of Valor.

Section 125 provides for the transfer of certain land to the Secretary of the Army.

Section 126 establishes an Office of Justice for Victims of Overseas Terrorism, as recommended by the Koby Mandell Act of 2003, to ensure that the investigation and prosecution of deaths of American citizens overseas are a high priority within the Department of Justice. The Office shall create a Joint Agency Task Force consisting of Department of Justice and Department of State personnel to be activated in the event of a terrorist incident against American citizens overseas.

TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND RELATED AGENCIES

TRADE AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

RELATED AGENCIES

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$41,552,000 for the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) for fiscal year 2005, as proposed by both the House and Senate.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language proposed by the House regarding the United States trade deficit with other nations, reporting requirements, and international standards.

The conferees expect the USTR to make use of all available mechanisms, including the safeguards delineated under the Trade Act of 1974, specifically Sections 301 and 421, to address the disruptions resulting from trade with the People's Republic of China.

The conference agreement includes language proposed by the Senate regarding the establishment and the responsibilities of a Chief Negotiator for Intellectual Property Enforcement.

The conference agreement continues language from the prior year regarding certain trade negotiations to be conducted within the World Trade Organization, as proposed by the Senate.

NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATION COUNCIL

The conference agreement includes \$2,000,000 for the National Intellectual Property Law Enforcement Coordination Council (NIPLECC), instead of \$20,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement adopts by reference Senate report language regarding the mission of the NIPLECC and the creation of a Coordinator for International Intellectual Property Enforcement to head this Council.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$61,700,000 as proposed by both the House and Senate for the International Trade Commission for fiscal year 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION
OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

The conference agreement includes \$401,513,000 in total resources for the programs of the International Trade Administration (ITA) for fiscal year 2005, of which \$8,000,000 is to be derived from fee collections, as proposed by both the Senate and House.

Manufacturing and Services.—Of the amounts provided under this heading, the conference agreement includes \$10,000,000 for the National Textile Center, \$3,000,000 for Textile/Clothing Technology Corporation, \$500,000 for Kansas City Smart Port, and \$500,000 for the continuation of the international competitiveness program.

Market Access and Compliance.—Of the amounts provided under this heading, sufficient funding is provided to continue the BISNIS program.

Import Administration.—The conferees direct the Department to ensure that in cases regarding non-market economies, the surrogates are carefully selected. For those alleged dumping cases, the Department should clearly distinguish the fundamental differences in production processes and rely upon all credible expert information (including economic modeling and industry-based cost comparisons) in determining whether the financials of a surrogate realistically reflect costs. The conferees note that in chemical cases, as well as other cases, producers of identical products may not be the most reliable surrogate if they are distinctly different in size or production process. The conferees direct the Department to select the surrogates that most accurately reflect actual costs.

United States and Foreign Commercial Service.—Of the amounts provided under this heading, the conferees direct that overseas position levels dedicated to the Baltics will remain at fiscal year 2004 levels.

The conferees expect the Department to continue to fully participate in and contribute to the Clean Energy Technology Exports Initiative, a nine-agency approach to help open international markets and aid in the export of a range of United States clean energy technologies.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language regarding the Appalachian-Turkish Trade Project as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Commerce to report back to the Committees on Appropriations, no later than January 20, 2005, on the trade and U.S. employment impact of the currency valuation of our trading partners including China, Japan, Vietnam, South Korea, Taiwan, the Ukraine, and Indonesia.

The conference agreement includes bill language designating the amounts available for each unit within ITA. The conferees remind ITA that any deviation from the funding distribution provided in the bill and report, including carryover balances, is subject to reprogramming procedures set forth in section 605 of this Act. In addition, ITA is directed to submit to the Committees on Appropriations, not later than 60 days after the enactment of this Act,

a spending plan for all ITA units that incorporates any carryover balances from prior fiscal years.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language as proposed by the Senate under the heading of World Trade Organization. The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language as proposed by the House concerning imports of polyester fibers from Korea, Channa micropeltes also known as Snakehead fish, staffing for market access compliance, establishment of a dispute settlement mechanism, report on right-sizing methodology, human rights training, spending plan, trade missions, foreign currency valuation, Caribbean Basin, Global Diversity, the rural export program, and travel expenditures.

The conference agreement includes \$500,000 for the Rural Export Initiative for fiscal year 2005, and directs the ITA to work with the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation. Further, the conferees expect the previously provided \$500,000 for the Rural Export Initiative's National Technology Transfer Center to be awarded or otherwise made available to the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation.

The conference agreement includes report language as proposed by the House regarding the Office of Trade and Economic Analysis (OTEA). The conference agreement includes up to \$3,000,000 for this purpose.

The conference agreement includes, by reference, report language as proposed by the House regarding jobs in food manufacturing (including confectionery) and the submission of a certain report.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Commerce to take all necessary steps to ensure that American business interests are represented in international standards negotiations, including those concerning digital telecommunications. The conferees continue to direct that ITA collaborate with NIST, the USTR, and the State Department to reduce trade barriers to U.S. business exports. The conferees direct the Secretary to report to the Committees on Appropriations regarding the steps taken to ensure these goals are met and what obstacles are impeding the conferees' intended results. This report should include proposals to transfer existing ITA and NIST personnel on a temporary or permanent basis to certain international organizations.

Executive Direction.—The conferees are concerned regarding the accuracy and timeliness of information presented to the Committees on Appropriations, specifically data regarding financial and human capital. The conferees urge the Secretary to address the conferees' concerns.

Language is included regarding a certain international trade study.

BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY

OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

The conference agreement includes a total operating level of \$68,393,000 for the operations and administration of the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS), as proposed by the House, instead of \$70,872,000, as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, Senate report language regarding a certain report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The conference agreement includes \$257,423,000 for Economic Development Assistance (EDA) Programs. The conferees direct EDA to continue traditional programs to provide needed assistance to communities struggling with long-term economic dislocation, as well as sudden and severe economic dislocation. Of the amounts provided, \$166,593,000 is for Public Works and Economic Development; \$45,400,000 is for Economic Adjustment Assistance; \$24,500,000 is for planning; \$8,435,000 is for technical assistance, including university centers; \$12,000,000 is for trade adjustment assistance; and \$495,000 is for research.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language proposed by the House regarding coal and timber industry downturns, and assistance to applicants and requirements for applicants. The conference agreement adopts, by reference, Senate language regarding the economic downturns including the timber, steel, and coal industries, United States-Canadian trade-related issues, communities in New England, the mid-Atlantic, Hawaii, and Alaska impacted by fisheries regulations, and communities in the southeast impacted by downturns due to the North American Free Trade Agreement.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$30,483,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Economic Development Administration, instead of \$30,565,000 as proposed by the House, and \$30,400,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, House language regarding efforts to maximize the operating funding level, a special headquarters reserve fund, and requirements for reorganization proposals.

MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The conference agreement includes \$29,899,000 for the Minority Business Development Agency for fiscal year 2005, instead of \$31,555,000 as proposed by the Senate, and \$28,899,000 as proposed by the House. The conference agreement adopts, by reference, House language regarding the Entrepreneurial Technology Apprenticeship Program.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, Senate language regarding the Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The conferees continue to support the Office of Native American Business Development.

ECONOMIC AND INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE

ECONOMIC AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$80,000,000 for the economic and statistical analysis programs of the Department of Commerce, including the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), for fiscal year 2005, instead of \$78,211,000 as proposed by the House, and \$81,764,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The BEA has received programmatic increases over the past four years to ensure that policy makers have access to more accurate and timely economic data.

Language is included regarding a grant to the National Academy of Public Administration to conduct a comprehensive study on the effects of off-shoring on the U.S. workforce and economy. Sub-contracts should be awarded as necessary. Information and opinion should be collected from stakeholders in business, education, and government, as well as professional associations and employee organizations.

BUREAU OF THE CENSUS

The conference agreement includes a total operating level of \$754,881,000 for the Bureau of the Census, instead of \$773,881,000 as proposed by the House, and \$605,768,000 as proposed by the Senate.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$198,765,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Bureau of the Census for fiscal year 2005, instead of \$174,304,000 as proposed by the Senate, and \$202,765,000 as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, House report language regarding the highest priority core activities, reimbursement, the monthly Export-Import and Trade Balance statistics on a North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) basis, and the Advanced Technology Trade Imports, Exports, and Net Balance By Country, domestic stock production, and other key reports.

PERIODIC CENSUSES AND PROGRAMS

The conference agreement includes a total of \$556,116,000 for all periodic censuses and related programs in fiscal year 2005, instead of \$571,116,000 as proposed by the House, and \$431,464,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the amounts provided, \$146,009,000 is provided for the American Community Survey, and \$82,310,000 is for the Master Address File/Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing (MAF/TIGER) system. The conferees expect to be kept apprised on a monthly basis on the expenditure of these funds.

The conference agreement includes language regarding the collection of data on race identification.

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION
ADMINISTRATION

The conference agreement includes a total of \$39,202,000 for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), instead of \$17,820,000 as proposed by the House and \$58,194,000 as proposed by the Senate.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$17,433,000 for the Salaries and Expenses appropriation of the NTIA, instead of \$15,282,000 as proposed by the House, and \$21,583,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language proposed by the House regarding the maximization of the operating level and reimbursements.

PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES, PLANNING AND
CONSTRUCTION

The conference agreement includes \$21,769,000, the same amount as in the Senate, instead of \$2,538,000 as proposed by the House.

INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

The conference agreement includes language allowing recoveries and balances to be used for administration of open grants as proposed by the House. The Senate proposed an appropriation of \$14,842,000.

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$1,544,754,000 for the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for fiscal year 2005, the same as proposed by the Senate, and \$1,523,407,000 as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement includes language restricting certain travel payments and language designating full-time equivalents and funding for certain functions.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language proposed by the House regarding the National Inventor's Hall of Fame and Inventure Place and the International Intellectual Property Institute.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language proposed by the Senate regarding the Whittimore School of Business for an intellectual property rights pilot project.

The conference agreement includes \$20,000,000 for USPTO's efforts to combat piracy and counterfeiting overseas, as proposed in the Senate report.

The conferees remind the PTO that any changes from the funding distribution provided in the bill and report including carry-over balances are subject to the reprogramming procedures set forth in section 605 of this Act.

In addition, PTO is directed to submit to the Committees on Appropriations, not later than three months after the enactment of this Act, a spending plan, which incorporates any carryover balances from previous fiscal years and any increases to the patent or trademark fee structure.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$6,547,000 for necessary expenses of the Under Secretary for Technology Policy and the Office of Technology Policy, as proposed by the House, instead of \$6,407,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes \$200,000 for the World Congress on Information Technology.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY

The conference agreement includes \$708,692,000 for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for fiscal year 2005, instead of \$524,970,000 as proposed by the House, and \$784,963,000 as proposed by the Senate.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES

The conference agreement includes \$383,892,000 for the Scientific and Technical Research and Services (core programs) of the NIST, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$375,838,000 as proposed by the House. Of the funds made available, \$2,900,000 is provided for transfer to the NIST Working Capital Fund.

[In thousands of dollars]

	<i>Committee recommendation</i>
Electronics and Electrical Engineering	\$49,590
Manufacturing Engineering	23,779
Chemical Science and Technology	43,951
Physics	41,796
Materials Science and Engineering	60,897
Building and Fire Research	21,779
Computer Science and Applied Mathematics	63,820
Technology Assistance	15,592
National Quality Program	5,465
Research Support Activities	57,223
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Total, STRS	383,892

Within the funds made available for Electronics and Electrical Engineering, \$4,000,000 is provided for the Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLEs) to fund the highest priority homeland security research projects. Projects managed by OLES are to be coordinated with the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security. In addition, \$1,000,000 is for a nanoelectronics initiative to support the development of semiconductor technologies.

Within the funds made available for Manufacturing Engineering, \$2,000,000 is for the nanomanufacturing initiative enabling

critical infrastructural measurements and standards for the developing nanotechnology industry.

Within the funds made available for Physics, \$3,000,000 is for quantum computing. The conference agreement adopts language, as proposed by the Senate, regarding support of NIST's Nobel Laureates' efforts.

Within the funds made available for Materials Science and Engineering, \$6,000,000 is provided for upgrades to the National Center for Neutron Research in order to meet the increasing demand for this national scientific resource.

Within the funds made available for Building and Fire Research, \$2,000,000 is for measurements and standards for advanced fire fighting technologies. Numerous innovative technologies are becoming available for the Nation's fire departments. Unfortunately, there are few standard test methods able to assess the performance of these instruments.

Within the funds made available for Computer Science and Applied Mathematics, \$500,000 is for NIST's efforts in support of the Technical Guidelines Development Committee, as established under the Help America Vote Act, Public Law 107-252. Additionally, the conferees recognize the need to continue support of the US-VISIT program and other biometric programs of the Departments of State and Justice and have provided \$2,000,000 to allow for NIST to begin testing the accuracy of multimodal systems, develop guidelines for testing fingerprint segmentation methods, and determining the influence of multiple images on the accuracy of facial biometrics.

The Nation's critical infrastructure continues to be at risk due to inadequate security, which is subject to exploitation, including the critical systems of the Federal Government. The Congress has designated the Computer Security Division as having the authority and responsibility of developing Federal standards, security guidelines, security checklists and associated methods and techniques for securing information systems, specifically Federal non-classified systems. These responsibilities are derived from the Federal Information Security Management Act and the Cyber Security Research and Development Act. The conference agreement includes \$10,000,000 to develop the standards, guidelines, security specifications, testing methods, checklists, and testing and scanning tools necessary to protect the Nation's cyberspace.

Within the funding for Research Support, an increase of \$3,000,000 is provided to the Competence program and \$10,050,000 is provided for Business Systems. The recommendation continues funding of \$2,400,000 for a telework project and \$6,500,000 for a critical infrastructure program, both of which received similar funding in fiscal year 2004.

Chemical Science and Technology Study.—The conferees understand that the current methods of bulk asbestos analysis were designed to segregate commercial asbestos products containing more than 1 percent asbestos and may be inadequate for determining low concentrations of asbestos that occur in the natural environment. The conferees are aware of private-sector interest in developing a mass-based method that is accurate to the 0.1–1 WT percent levels and which will segregate asbestos from non-asbestos

particles on mine-grade samples of amphiboles and a method for distinguishing asbestos and non-asbestos particles in airborne filter samples. The conferees direct NIST to provide to the Committees on Appropriations in both the House and Senate, not later than January 31, 2005, a determination on whether developing such a methodology is necessary and, if so, the process, cost, and timetable for developing this methodology.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

The conference agreement includes \$251,300,000 for the Industrial Technology Services appropriation of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, instead of \$106,000,000 as proposed by the House, and \$315,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Manufacturing Extension Partnership program (MEP).—The conference agreement includes \$109,000,000 to fully fund all MEP centers. The conference agreement includes bill language prohibiting the Secretary of Commerce from recompeting any existing Manufacturing Extension Partnership Center prior to 2007. Federal support for the MEP program, combined with State and private sector funding, has translated into more jobs, more tax revenue, more exports, and a more secure supply source of consumer and defense goods. The MEP program is an economical and prudent means of assisting small manufacturers that want to remain in the United States, continue to hire American workers, and stay competitive in the global market place. Of the amounts provided, \$3,000,000 is to ensure small and rural States receive necessary manufacturing assistance and services. The conferees have reviewed the Department of Commerce's report entitled, "Manufacturing in America" and its recommendations. The conferees do not support the report's recommendation to reorganize the MEP program around a regional approach. The conferees recognize that the original concept of 12 regional centers for MEP is not the best model to address the needs of small and medium-sized manufacturers. The conferees support MEP's expansion in order to equalize services to all types of manufacturers across the country. The conferees direct the Secretary of Commerce to provide the necessary coverage for small and medium-sized manufacturers. In addition, the conferees are concerned about the ability of small and rural States to provide adequate 'matching' funds. The conferees direct MEP to develop a program, which will provide additional assistance to small and rural States and report back to the Committees on Appropriations by April 15, 2005, with an implementation plan.

The conference agreement includes a new provision naming the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Centers the Hollings Centers.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language in the House report regarding the requirements for applicants seeking assistance.

Advanced Technology Program.—The conference agreement provides an appropriation of \$142,300,000 for the Advanced Technology Program (ATP), instead of \$203,000,000 as proposed by the Senate and no funding as proposed by the House. The conference agreement does not adopt bill language providing specific funding for new awards as proposed by the Senate.

CONSTRUCTION OF RESEARCH FACILITIES

The conference agreement includes \$73,500,000 for the construction and major renovations of the NIST campuses at Boulder, Colorado, and Gaithersburg, Maryland.

The conferees provide \$23,000,000 for safety, capacity, maintenance, and major repairs, and \$7,000,000 for the central utility plant upgrades for the Boulder, Colorado, facility.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

The conference agreement includes a total of \$3,940,000,000 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), instead of \$3,158,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$4,141,793,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes funding under the same account structure as in previous years as proposed by the House, instead of unifying the two main accounts as proposed by the Senate.

OPERATIONS, RESEARCH, AND FACILITIES

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

The conference agreement includes total funding of \$2,872,065,000, instead of \$2,324,000,000 as proposed by the House. The Senate bill included \$4,109,646,000 under a new "Operations, Research, Facilities, and Systems Acquisition" account which included funding for activities under this account. Of the amount provided, \$65,000,000 is from balances in the account entitled, "Promote and Develop Fishery Products and Research Pertaining to American Fisheries", instead of \$79,000,000 as proposed by the House, and \$57,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The net appropriation from the General Fund is \$2,804,065,000.

Language is included prohibiting any general administrative charge against an assigned activity in this Act or the accompanying report. An exception is provided to facilitate the modernization of NOAA's grant systems. The conferees endorse the language in the Senate report emphasizing the need to expedite financial assistance to grantees.

Language is also included capping the amount provided for corporate services administrative support at \$171,530,000, and capping the amount available to the Department of Commerce Working Capital Fund at \$39,500,000.

The conference agreement stipulates that any deviation from the amounts designated for specific activities in the report accompanying this Act shall be subject to the procedures set forth in section 605 of this Act.

The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the House report regarding the submission of a report on amounts planned for line office personnel and overhead, and a report on positions, full-time equivalents, and salary-related costs for each line office.

The conferees support the intent of the Senate report language connecting the NOAA budget with the agency's strategic plan and goals. However, the conferees were surprised to learn through NOAA's appeal in response to the Senate bill that the agency is un-

able to track its funds or execute its budget in alignment with its strategic goals. Accordingly, the language proposed by the Senate has not been adopted. The conferees have, however, provided a crosswalk for appropriated amounts between strategic goals and line offices in the financial tables included in this statement.

The following table identifies the activities, sub-activities, and projects funded in this appropriation:

NOAA OCEANS AND COASTS/NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE
(\$ in Thousands)

FY 2005 Strategic Plan	FY 05 PROPOSED OPERATING PLAN Operations, Research and Facilities	FY 2005 Conference Agreement
	Navigation Services	
	Mapping & Charting	
CT	Mapping & Charting Base (incl \$2,000 FY 02 Supp)	27,600
CT	Coastal Mapping	500
CT	Joint Hydrographic Center	7,600
CT	Marine Modeling & Geospatial Technology	1,100
CT	Hydrographic Surveys	1,300
CT	Electronic Navigational Charts	4,300
CT	Nautical Charting	6,500
CT	Navigational Services	1,885
CT	Shoreline Mapping	2,448
CT	Chesapeake Bay	1,000
CT	Aerial	1,000
CT	Address Survey Backlog/Contracts	19,000
CT	EEZ Outer Continental Shelf Ocean Bottom Claims	2,200
CT	Gulf of Alaska	2,500
CT	North Pacific	1,000
CT	North Pacific Maritime Boundary Line	1,000
CT	MS/LA Digital Coast	800
CT	Vessel Time Charter	2,000
	Subtotal, Mapping and Charting	83,733
	Geodesy	
CT	Geodesy Base	20,295
CT	National Spatial Reference System	2,000
CT	Height Modernization Regional Expansion - NGS Implementation	250
CT	Height Modernization Regional Expansion - NC	1,000
CT	Height Modernization Regional Expansion -TX	750
CT	Height Modernization Study - MS	600
CT	Geodetic Survey-KY	500
CT	Geodetic Survey- CA	500
CT	Geodetic Survey- LA	497
CT	Geodetic Survey - WI	3,000
CT	Geodetic Survey - WA	500
CT	Geodetic Survey - AL	2,000
	Subtotal, Geodesy	31,892
	Tide & Current Data	
CT	Tide & Current Data Base	18,415
WW	National Water Level Observation Network	2,500
CT	PORTS	2,981
CT	Great Lakes NWLON	2,000
CT	Alaska Current & Tide Data	1,500
	Subtotal, Tide & Current Data	27,396
	Total, Navigation Services	143,021
	Ocean Resources Conservation and Assessment	
	Ocean Assessment Program (OAP)	
ECO	Ocean Assessment Program Base	22,323
ECO	Coastal Observation Technology System	2,177
ECO	Coastal Ocean Research & Monitoring Program	2,473
ECO	NOAA ICOOS	7,500
ECO	NOAA/UNH Joint Ocean Observing Technology Center	4,000
ECO	Gulf of Alaska Ecosystem Monitoring	2,000
ECO	Gulf of Maine Observing System	1,900
ECO	Long Island Sound Observing System	1,000

NOAA OCEANS AND COASTS/NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE
(\$ in Thousands)

FY 2005 Strategic Plan	FY 05 PROPOSED OPERATING PLAN Operations, Research and Facilities	FY 2005 Conference Agreement
ECO	Central Gulf of Mexico Observing System (USM)	2,000
ECO	So Cal Coastal Ocean Observing System (Scripps)	1,500
ECO	Alliance for Coastal Technologies	2,500
ECO	Center for Coastal Ocean Observation and Analysis	2,500
ECO	Carolina Coastal Ocean Observing and Prediction System	2,500
ECO	Wallops Ocean Observation Project	2,000
ECO	Coastal Ocean Monitoring Network for West Florida	750
WW	Coastal Storms	2,500
ECO	Cook Inlet Coastal Monitoring and Habitat	1,000
ECO	Coastal Services Center	23,000
ECO	Pacific Coastal Services Center	2,250
ECO	Seacoast Science Center	1,000
ECO	EE Just Environmental Institute	750
ECO	Coastal Change Analysis	500
ECO	Lake Pontchartrain	1,500
ECO	CREST	450
ECO	CI-CORE	2,500
ECO	Aquatic Research Consortium MS	2,500
ECO	Coop Institute for Coastal and Estuarine Enviro Tech	6,800
ECO	Hawaii Coral Reef Initiative	1,500
ECO	Nat'l Coral Reef Initiative - Florida	1,000
ECO	Coral Reef - Puerto Rico	500
ECO	Coral Reef	25,000
ECO	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation - NFWF	700
ECO	Ocean Health Initiative	18,000
ECO	Monterey Bay Watershed	500
	Subtotal, Ocean Assessment Program (OAP)	149,073
	Response and Restoration	
ECO	Response and Restoration Base	10,600
ECO	Estuary Restoration Program	1,200
ECO	Damage Assessment Program	2,282
ECO	Coastal Protection and Restoration Project	400
ECO	Mitigating Coastal Development Impacts/MS State Univ	1,000
ECO	Marine Wildlife Noise Impacts/Univ. of RI	100
ECO	Marine Debris	5,000
ECO	Marine Debris Removal - Alaska	1,200
ECO	Marine Debris Removal - SC	200
ECO	Hazardous Materials Response Program	1,619
ECO	Aquatic Resources Environmental Initiative	5,000
CT	Center for Marine Spill Response Project	2,000
ECO	Vieques	1,000
ECO	Pribilof Islands Cleanup and Economic Development	7,000
	Subtotal, Response and Restoration	38,601
	National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS)	
ECO	Center for Coastal Environmental Health & Biomolecular Rsch	15,000
ECO	Extramural Research	4,000
ECO	High salinity estuaries (Baruch)	1,000
ECO	Oxford, MD	4,500
ECO	Extramural Research	2,000
ECO	Ctr for Coastal Fisheries Habitat Research	5,750
ECO	Extramural Research	2,000
ECO	Center for Coastal Monitoring & Assessment	6,000
ECO	Extramural Research	2,000
ECO	Center for Sponsored Coastal Ocean Research	3,700
ECO	Coastal Ocean Research Grants (HAB/Pfisteria/GLOBEC)	5,500

NOAA OCEANS AND COASTS/NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE
(\$ in Thousands)

FY 2005 Strategic Plan	FY 05 PROPOSED OPERATING PLAN Operations, Research and Facilities	FY 2005 Conference Agreement
ECO	NCCOS Headquarters	5,000
ECO	Marine Env Health Research Lab - MEHRL	4,000
	Subtotal, NCCOS	60,450
	Total, Ocean Resources Conserv. & Assess.	248,124
	Ocean and Coastal Management	
	Coastal Management	
ECO	CZM Grants	67,000
ECO	CZM Program Administration	6,700
ECO	National Estuarine Research Reserve System	16,400
ECO	Non-point Pollution Implementation Grants	3,000
ECO	Marine Protected Areas	3,000
	Subtotal, Coastal Management	96,100
	Ocean Management	
	Marine Sanctuary Program	
ECO	Marine Sanctuary Program Base	51,000
ECO	Marine Sanctuary Foundation / Ocean Activity Fund	5,000
ECO	Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Rsrch / HI Institute of Marine Biology	1,500
ECO	Northwest Straits Citizens Advisory Commission	1,250
	Subtotal, Ocean Management	58,750
	Total, Ocean and Coastal Management	154,850
CT	Payment to OMAO	2,793
	Total, National Ocean Service - ORF	548,788

FY2005	Strategic Plan	
ALL	NOAA-WIDE	0
ECO	ECOSYSTEMS	398,474
C	CLIMATE	0
WW	WEATHER & WATER	5,000
CT	COMMERCE & TRANSPORTATION	145,314
OE	OCEAN EXPLORATION	0

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	Marine Mammals & Sea Turtles	
ECO	California Sea Lions/Protected Species Management (PSM)	750
ECO	Cook Inlet Beluga and Bio Research	200
ECO	Bottlenose Dolphins	4,000
ECO	MS Inst. For Marine Mammal Studies	2,500
ECO	Dolphin Encirclement	2,000
ECO	Dolphins/Yellowfin Tuna Research	233
ECO	Marine Mammal Protection (MMP)/NMFS Activities	7,976
ECO	Alaska Sea Life Center	1,000
ECO	MS Center for Marine Education and Research	2,000
ECO	Charleston Health and Risk Assessment	800
ECO	Marin Headlands Marine Mammal Center	2,000
ECO	Shedd Marine Mammals	250
ECO	Marine Mammal Initiative	10,000
ECO	Prescott Grant Program	4,000
ECO	Marine Mammals, Sea Turtles & Other Species/Endangered Species Act (ESA)	23,604
ECO	Marine Mammal Commission Studies (protection/predation)	1,207
ECO	Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission	900
ECO	Participation of AEWG in International Whaling Commission Meetings	100
ECO	Alaska Harbour Seals	150
ECO	Aleut Pacific Marine Resources Observers	125
ECO	Beluga Whale Committee	225
ECO	Bowhead Whale Spatial Studies	600
ECO	Bristol Bay Native Association	50
ECO	National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Species Mgmt (PSM)	1,000
ECO	North Pacific Southern Resident Orca Population (PSM)	1,500
ECO	Aleut Marine Mammal Commission	150
ECO	Right Whale Activities (ESA)	10,000
ECO	Cooperative State Plans	2,000
ECO	ESA	5,176
ECO	Hawaiian Sea Turtles	7,800
ECO	Southeastern Sea Turtles	300
ECO	Harbor Seals	600
ECO	Hawaiian Monk Seals	825
ECO	Endangered Species Act	850
ECO	Alaska Seals and Steller Sea Lions	8,500
ECO	State of Alaska Seals and Steller Sea Lion Programs	3,200
ECO	Alaska SeaLife Center Seals and Steller Sea Lion Programs	7,000
ECO	N. Pacific Universities MM Consortium (and Harbor Seal Research)	2,500
ECO	Fisheries Management (North Pacific Council)	2,000
ECO	Univ of AK Gulf Apex Predator	1,500
ECO	Winter Food Limitation (Pr William Sound Sci Ctr)	1,000
	Subtotal, Marine Mammals & Sea Turtles	120,571
	Fish:	
ECO	Alaska Fisheries Information Network (AKFIN)	3,200
ECO	Bering Sea Fishermen's Association Community Development Quota (CDQ)	175
ECO	Crab Research NMFS	473
ECO	NMFS Activities	2,017
ECO	NMFS Field Fishery Monitoring	300
ECO	NMFS Rockfish Research	334
ECO	Winter Pollock Survey	800
ECO	State of AK Rockfish Research	1,000
ECO	Alaska Near Shore Fisheries State of Alaska	1,000
ECO	Calibration Studies	240
ECO	NMFS Activities	400
ECO	Implementation	3,525

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ECO	National Standards 4 and 8 State of Alaska	500
ECO	NMFS Activities	2,100
ECO	Anadromous Fish Commission - North Pacific	750
ECO	Anadromous Grants	2,000
ECO	Atlantic Herring and Mackerel	198
ECO	Bering Sea Pollock Research	936
ECO	Bering Sea Aleut. Is. Non-Pollock Groundfish Buyback	250
ECO	Bluefin Tuna Tagging-- Monterey	550
ECO	Bluefish/Striped Bass:	692
ECO	Chesapeake Bay	478
ECO	Long Island Sound	239
ECO	Rutgers	790
ECO	Charleston Bump	250
ECO	Chesapeake Bay Multi-Species Management	500
ECO	Expand Annual Stock Assessments - Improve Data Collection	18,900
ECO	California Oceanic Cooperative Fisheries Investivation (CalCOFI)	900
ECO	Narragansett Bay (Phase IV)	1,000
ECO	Fisheries Statistics	12,771
ECO	Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission	2,000
ECO	Economics & Social Sciences Research	4,100
ECO	National Fisheries Information System	2,500
ECO	National Standard 8	998
ECO	Hawaii Fisheries Development (Oceanic Institute)	750
ECO	Product Quality and Marketing--Shrimp (WASI)	1,000
ECO	Product Quality and Safety/Seafood Inspection	7,500
ECO	Fisheries Research and Management Programs	125,000
ECO	Gulf Fisheries Information Network (GULF FIN) Data Collection Effort	4,250
ECO	Gulf of Maine Groundfish Survey	519
ECO	Halibut Data Collection	500
ECO	Halibut/Sablefish	1,143
ECO	Hawaii Seafood Safety Program	1,500
ECO	Hawaii Stock Management Plan (Oceanic Institute)	500
ECO	Highly Migratory Shark Fishery Research Program (Mote)	2,000
ECO	Interjurisdictional Fisheries Grants	2,500
ECO	3 Commissions	750
ECO	Atlantic Cooperative Management	9,250
ECO	Large Pelagics Research Program (UNH)	3,000
ECO	NMFS Activities	2,400
ECO	NE Activities	250
ECO	Red Snapper	750
ECO	New England Stock Depletion	1,000
ECO	Management of George's Bank	441
ECO	Pacific Coastal Fisheries Information Network (PACFIN) Catch Effort Data	2,994
ECO	Recreational Fishery Harvest Monitoring/Rec. Fisheries Info Ntwk (RECFIN)	3,445
ECO	RECFIN - SC (inshore recreation species assessment/ tagging)	500
ECO	Red Snapper Monitoring and Research	5,000
ECO	Reduce Fishing Impacts on Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)	500
ECO	Reducing Bycatch	3,800
ECO	Regional Councils	15,000
ECO	ESA Recovery and Research	2,915
ECO	Recovery Plan	450
ECO	Research	694
ECO	State of Maine Salmon Recovery (PSM)	1,200
ECO	Management	150
ECO	Pacific Salmon Treaty - Chinook Salmon Agreement	1,844
ECO	Research at Auke Bay	300
ECO	State of Alaska	1,000

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ECO	Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Assoc	500
ECO	ESA - Columbia River Biological Opinion (BIOP) Implementation	4,000
ECO	Endangered Species Studies	299
ECO	Facilities (Columbia River Hatcheries)	3,200
ECO	Hatcheries and Facilities	11,457
ECO	Hatcheries - Monitor, Evaluation and Reform	1,700
ECO	Pacific Salmon Treaty	8,000
ECO	ESA Recovery and Research	41,527
ECO	West Coast Groundfish	4,800
	Subtotal, Fish	347,144
	Crustaceans & Mollusks	
ECO	Bering Sea Crab (State of Alaska)	1,200
ECO	Blue Crab Research Consortium	2,200
ECO	Crab Rationalization NOAA Fisheries	1,000
ECO	Chesapeake Bay Oyster Restoration	2,000
ECO	Horseshoe Crab Research (HCRC)	650
ECO	Lobster Sampling	150
ECO	Mobile Bay Oyster Recovery	800
ECO	Non-Native Oyster Chesapeake Bay Program - VA	2,000
ECO	Oyster Restoration (Chesapeake - VIMS)	2,000
ECO	Seafood Safety Initiative	1,500
ECO	Scallop Fishery Assessment (MFI)	1,900
	Subtotal, Crustaceans & Mollusks	15,400
	Enforcement & Observers:	
ECO	Drifnet Act Implementation	1,199
ECO	Ghostnet - High Seas Drifnet Detection	250
ECO	NMFS Activities	1,692
ECO	Pacific Rim Fisheries	150
ECO	State Participation AK/WA	200
ECO	Enforcement & Surveillance	23,000
ECO	Cooperative Agreements w/ States	17,000
ECO	Vessel Monitoring System	3,000
	Subtotal, Enforcement	46,491
	Observers/Training	
ECO	Atlantic Coast Observers	3,345
ECO	East Coast Observers	350
ECO	Hawaii Longline Observer Program	4,000
ECO	N. Pacific Marine Resources Observers	1,834
ECO	N. Pacific Observer Program	750
ECO	NE Groundfish Court-Ordered Observers	9,100
ECO	National Observer Program	1,500
ECO	West Coast Groundfish Observers	4,000
	Subtotal, Observers/Training	24,879
	Subtotal, Enforcement and Observers/Training	71,370
	Habitat Conservation & Restoration	
ECO	Connecticut River Partnership	400
ECO	Atlantic Salmon/Penobscot River Habitat Restoration	1,000
ECO	Bronx River Restoration	1,000
ECO	Community-Based Restoration Grants	16,000
ECO	Pinellas County Environmental Foundation	1,000
ECO	Habitat Conservation	15,000
ECO	Merrimack River fish habitat/land conservation	500

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ECO	Refine EFH Designations	1,000
	Subtotal, Habitat Conservation & Restoration	35,900
	Other Activities Supporting Fisheries	
ECO	Antarctic Research	1,468
ECO	Center for Marine Education and Research MS	3,000
ECO	Chesapeake Bay Studies	3,500
C	Climate Regimes & Ecosystem Productivity	1,500
ECO	Computer Hardware and Software - FY 2004 Omnibus Funded in PAC	3,383
ECO	Conservation and Recovery with Slates	990
ECO	Consortium for Fisheries & Wildlife Conflict Resolution (UNH/NEA/VIMS)	500
ECO	Cooperative Marine Education & Research	200
ECO	Cooperative Research - North Pacific Research Board	3,000
ECO	National Cooperative Research	2,750
ECO	NE Cooperative Research	3,750
ECO	Northeast Consortium	5,000
ECO	SE Cooperative Research	4,250
ECO	West Coast Groundfish Cooperative Research	500
ECO	Endangered Species Act - Fish, Crustaceans, Mollusks	2,500
ECO	FMP Extended Jurisdiction, State of Alaska	1,200
ECO	Gulf of Alaska Coastal Communities Coalition	425
ECO	Hawaiian Community Development	500
ECO	Information Analyses & Dissemination	17,943
ECO	Joint Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Research (JIMAR), HI	2,500
ECO	Magnuson-Stevens (MSA) Implementation off Alaska	7,120
ECO	Marine Environmental Research Institute	300
ECO	Marine Resources Monitoring, Assessment & Prediction Prgm (MarMap)	1,250
ECO	National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)	3,000
ECO	New England Multispecies Survey (SMAST)	3,000
ECO	Payment to OMAO	700
ECO	SCORE Science Consortium - NH/WA/Mote Marine	1,000
ECO	Southeast Area Monitoring & Assessment Program (SEAMAP)	1,385
ECO	Pacific Island Region/Center	5,000
ECO	NW Fisheries Science Center (Groundfish Team)	1,700
ECO	South Carolina Taxonomic Center	500
	Subtotal, Other Activities Supporting Fisheries	83,814
	Total, National Marine Fisheries Service - ORF	674,199

FY2005	Strategic Plan	
ALL	NOAA-WIDE	0
ECO	ECOSYSTEMS	672,699
C	CLIMATE	1,500
WW	WEATHER & WATER	0
CT	COMMERCE & TRANSPORTATION	0
OE	OCEAN EXPLORATION	0

NOAA RESEARCH
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	Climate Research	
	Laboratories & Joint Institutes	
C	Laboratories & Joint Institutes	46,717
	Subtotal, Laboratories & Joint Institutes	46,717
	Climate & Global Change Program	
C	Climate and Global Change	67,000
C	Accelerating Climate Models - IRIS	1,500
	Subtotal, Climate & Global Change Program	68,500
	Climate Observations & Services	
C	Carbon Cycle	2,908
C	Ocean Observations/Ocean Systems	4,000
C	ARGO	7,000
C	Climate Change Research Initiative	40,000
	Subtotal, Climate Observations & Services	53,908
	Other Partnership Programs	
C	Central CA Ozone Study	250
C	East Tennessee Ozone Study	300
C	Climate System Research Center	750
C	Intl Council for Local Environmental Initiatives	500
C	Climate and Environmental Change	2,473
C	Univ of AL Huntsville Climate Research	1,000
C	Abrupt Climate Change Research	495
C	Arctic Research Initiative (SEARCH)	3,000
	Subtotal, Other Partnership Programs	8,768
	Total, Climate Research	177,893
	Weather & Air Quality Research	
	Laboratories & Joint Institutes	
WW	Laboratories & Joint Institutes	34,777
	Subtotal, Laboratories & Joint Institutes	34,777
	U.S. Weather Research Program	
WW	U.S. Weather Research Program (USWRP/THORPEX)	500
WW	Targeted Wind Sensing	2,000
	Subtotal, U.S. Weather Research Program	2,500
	Other Partnership Programs	
WW	Tornado Severe Storm Research	2,000
WW	New England Air Quality Study	2,000
WW	NE Center for Atmospheric Science and Policy	1,500
C	Inst. for Study of Earth, Oceans & Space (Air-Map - CCRC)	5,000
C	Risk Reduction in Water Forecasts (MSU)	2,000
C	Remote Sensing Research (ISU/BCAL)	495
WW	STORM (U. of N. Iowa)	650
	Subtotal, Other Partnership Programs	13,645
	Total, Weather & Air Quality Research	50,922
	Ocean, Coastal, and Great Lakes Research	
	Laboratories & Joint Institutes	
ECO	Laboratories & Joint Institutes	20,535
	Subtotal, Laboratories & Joint Institutes	20,535

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	National Sea Grant College Program	
ECO	National Sea Grant College Program Base	58,000
ECO	Fish Extension	1,500
ECO	Aquatic Nuisance Species/Zebra Mussel Research	1,000
ECO	Gulf of Mexico Oyster Initiative	1,000
ECO	Marine Invasive Species Program--HI	250
ECO	Oyster Disease Research	1,000
	Subtotal, National Sea Grant College Program	62,750
	National Undersea Research Program (NURP)	
OE	National Undersea Research Program (NURP)	12,500
OE	National Institute for Undersea Science and Technology	5,000
	Subtotal, National Undersea Research Program (NURP)	17,500
OE	NMNH East Wing (Oceans)	5,000
OE	Ocean Exploration	23,000
OE	Submersible Micro-technology Research	983
	Subtotal, Ocean Exploration	28,983
	Other Partnership Programs	
ECO	Aquatic Ecosystems - Canaan Valley Institute	4,300
ECO	Arctic Research	2,000
ECO	Institute for Science Technology and Public Policy	900
ECO	Atmospheric Dispersion Forecasting / Jackson State Univ.	1,000
ECO	Great Lakes Toxicity	495
ECO	Gulf of Maine Council	750
ECO	Lake Champlain Research Consortium	350
ECO	NISA/Ballast Water Demonstrations	3,500
ECO	NISA/Alaska	1,500
ECO	Cooperative Sensor Develop Lab for Oceans and Climate	500
ECO	Cooperative Institute for New England Mari-culture and Fisheries	3,000
ECO	NH Center for the Study of Lakes and Ecosystems	500
ECO	Aquaculture Education Program - Cedar Point MS	1,800
ECO	Pacific Tropical Ornamental Fish	500
	Subtotal, Other Partnership Programs	21,095
	Total, Ocean, Coastal, and Great Lakes Research	150,863
	Information Technology, R&D, and Science Education	
ALL	High Performance Computing Initiatives	12,500
ALL	Educational Partnership Program/Minority Serving Institutions	17,000
	Total, Info Tech, R&D, & Science Education	29,500
ECO	Payment to OMAO	100
	Total, NOAA Research - ORF	409,278

FY2005	Strategic Plan	
ALL	NOAA-WIDE	29,500
ECO	ECOSYSTEMS	104,480
C	CLIMATE	185,388
WW	WEATHER & WATER	43,427
CT	COMMERCE & TRANSPORTATION	0
OE	OCEAN EXPLORATION	46,483

NOAA NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
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FY 2005 Strategic Plan	FY 05 PROPOSED OPERATING PLAN Operations, Research and Facilities	FY 2005 Conference Agreement
	Operations and Research	
WW	Local Warnings and Forecasts Base	8,634
C	Local Warnings and Forecasts Base	21,135
CT	Local Warnings and Forecasts Base	498,429
WW	Tsunami Hazard Mitigation (moved from OAR)	4,300
WW	Tsunami Warning & Environmental Obs for AK (TWEAK)	2,000
WW	Air Quality Forecasting Pilot Program	2,968
WW	Air Quality Forecasting	1,750
CT	Alaska Data Buoys	1,500
CT	HI Data Bouys	250
C	Sustain Cooperative Observer Network	1,800
WW	Hurricane Mitigation Alliance (SUSF)	3,250
WW	Red River Basin Institute / Decision Info Network	270
WW	New England Weather Technology Initiative	550
WW	NOAA Profiler Network	3,200
WW	NC Flood Plain Mapping Pilot	593
WW	Pacific Island Compact	3,500
C	Space Environment Center	200
WW	Space Environment Center	6,750
WW	USWRP-THORPEX	4,500
WW	Vermont Northeast Weather & Wind Data Integration	250
	Subtotal, Local Warnings and Forecasts	565,829
WW	Advanced Hydrological Prediction Services	5,800
CT	Aviation Weather	2,400
	Weather Radio Transmitters	
WW	Weather Radio Transmitters Base	2,320
WW	NOAA Weather Radio Transmitters - HI	200
	Subtotal, Weather Radio Transmitters	2,520
	Subtotal, Local Warnings and Forecasts	576,549
	Central Forecast Guidance	
C	Central Forecast Guidance	6,494
CT	Central Forecast Guidance	6,344
WW	Central Forecast Guidance	32,934
	Subtotal, Central Forecast Guidance	45,772
	Total, Operations and Research	622,321
WW	All Systems Operation and Maintenance	88,000
	Total, Systems Operation & Maintenance	88,000
WW	Payment to OMAO	475
	Total, National Weather Service - ORF	710,796

FY2005	Strategic Plan	
ALL	NOAA-WIDE	0
ECO	ECOSYSTEMS	0
C	CLIMATE	17,128
WW	WEATHER & WATER	662,039
CT	COMMERCE & TRANSPORTATION	31,629
OE	OCEAN EXPLORATION	0

NOAA SATELLITES/NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SATELLITE, DATA & INFORMATION SERVICE
(\$ in Thousands)

FY 2005 Strategic Plan	FY 05 PROPOSED OPERATING PLAN Operations, Research and Facilities	FY 2005 Conference Agreement
	Environmental Satellite Observing Systems	
ALL	Satellite Command and Control	36,550
ALL	NSOF Operations	5,681
	Satellite Command and Control	42,231
	Product Processing and Distribution	
ALL	Product Processing and Distribution	27,263
	Subtotal, Product Processing and Distribution	27,263
	Product Development, Readiness & Application	
ALL	Product Development, Readiness & Application	16,538
ECO	Product Development/Ocean Remote Sensing	4,000
ECO	Coral Reef Monitoring	700
WW	Joint Center/Accelerate Use of Satellites	2,200
WW	Research to Ops/NOAA-NASA partnerships	4,000
WW	Global Wind Demo	3,750
	Subtotal, Product Development, Readiness & Application	31,188
CT	Commercial Remote Sensing Licensing & Enforcement	1,100
	Total, Environmental Satellite Observing Systems	101,782
	NOAA's Data Centers & Information Services	
	Archive, Access & Assessment	
C	Archive, Access & Assessment	31,000
C	KY	7,925
C	MD	5,500
C	Quality Assurance/Quality Control (NC)	1,500
C	WV	7,925
ALL	Office of Space Commercialization	600
CT	GPS Interagency Board	250
C	GOES Data Archive Project	2,473
	Subtotal, Archive, Access & Assessment	57,173
ECO	Coastal Data Development	4,576
C	Regional Climate Centers	2,500
C	International Pacific Research Ctr (U of H)	2,000
ECO	Pacific Ocean and Environment Info Center	1,000
C	Environmental Data Systems Modernization	8,955
	Total, NOAA's Data Centers & Information Services	76,204
C	Payment to OMAO	333
	Total, Nat'l Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service - ORF	178,319

FY2005	Strategic Plan	
ALL	NOAA-WIDE	86,632
ECO	ECOSYSTEMS	10,276
C	CLIMATE	70,111
WW	WEATHER & WATER	9,950
CT	COMMERCE & TRANSPORTATION	1,350
OE	OCEAN EXPLORATION	0

NOAA-WIDE PROGRAM SUPPORT
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	Corporate Services	
	Under Secretary and Associate Offices	
ALL	Under Secretary and Associate Offices Base	25,000
	Subtotal, Under Secretary and Assoc. Ofc	25,000
	Policy Formulation and Direction	
ALL	Policy Formulation and Direction Base	41,030
ALL	CAMS	10,000
ALL	Payment to the DOC Working Capital Fund	39,500
ALL	Payment to the Business Management Fund	56,000
	Subtotal, Policy Formulation and Direction	146,530
	Total, Corporate Services	171,530
	NOAA Education Program	
ALL	NOAA Education Program / Education Initiative	6,500
ALL	Ocean Science Bowl	1,000
ALL	JASON Education and Outreach	2,500
ALL	Bay Watersheds Education & Training Program	2,500
ALL	BWET Hawaii	1,500
ALL	Narragansett Bay Marine Education (Save the Bay)	500
	Total, NOAA Education Program	14,500
	Facilities	
ALL	NOAA Facilities Management, Construction and Safety	7,500
ALL	NOAA Wide Facility Maintenance (consolidated)	18,000
ALL	Boulder Facilities Operations	4,564
ALL	Western Regional Center Operations & Maintenance	700
	Subtotal, NOAA Fac Mgmt, Const& Maint	30,764
ALL	Environmental Compliance & Safety	3,000
	Total, Facilities	33,764
	Marine Operations & Maintenance	
	Marine Services	
ALL	Salaries & Expenses	75,000
ALL	UNOLS	1,500
ALL	HI'ALAKAI	4,600
ALL	OSCAR DYSON & FAIRWEATHER	10,200
ALL	NANCY FOSTER	550
OE	OE and NOAA Corps Pay Differential	2,000
	Subtotal, Marine Services (including base)	93,850
	Fleet Planning and Maintenance	
ALL	New Vessels (O Dyson, N Foster, Fairweather, Hi'alakai)	2,000
ALL	Fleet Planning and Maintenance	12,000
	Subtotal, Fleet Planning and Maintenance	14,000
	Total, Marine Operations and Maintenance	107,850
	Aviation Operations	
ALL	Aircraft Services	18,600
	Total, Aviation Operations	18,600

NOAA-WIDE PROGRAM SUPPORT
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ALL	Future Healthcare Benefits for Current Officers	1,941
	Total, Office of Marine & Aviation Operations	128,391
	Total, Program Support - ORF	348,185

FY2005	Strategic Plan	
ALL	NOAA-WIDE	348,185
ECO	ECOSYSTEMS	0
C	CLIMATE	0
WW	WEATHER & WATER	0
CT	COMMERCE & TRANSPORTATION	0
OE	OCEAN EXPLORATION	2,000

PLANNING AND PROGRAM INTEGRATION
(\$ in Thousands)

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ALL	Planning and Program Integration	2,500
	Total, Program, Planning and Integration	2,500

FY2005	Strategic Plan	
ALL	NOAA-WIDE	2,500

NOAA OCEANS AND COASTS/NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE

The conference agreement includes a total of \$548,788,000 for activities of the National Ocean Service (NOS). The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language in the House report on the hydrographic survey backlog, and on the strategy for the use of private mapping services. The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language in the Senate report regarding NOAA's Integrated Coastal Ocean Observing System, including the important contributions of the National Data Buoy Center and the National Center for Environmental Prediction (NCEP) Environmental Modeling Center.

The conferees agree that amounts provided to address the hydrographic survey backlog on the line items "North Pacific Maritime Boundary Line", "Gulf of Alaska" and "North Pacific" may be used to contract for hydrographic services in Alaska in areas defined as "navigationally significant" in the current edition of the NOAA Hydrographic Survey Priorities.

The conference agreement includes funding for NOAA to consult with and provide assistance to the Departments of Defense and Interior and the Environmental Protection Agency in carrying out their responsibilities in cleaning up Vieques, Puerto Rico.

The conference agreement for the Marine Sanctuary Program includes \$2,000,000 for the conservation of artifacts related to the USS MONITOR, including the vessel's turret and engine. These funds are provided for that grant in addition to the amounts currently provided for public education, the housing of MONITOR archives, and artifact conservation. The conferees expect that MONITOR exhibits will reference any support provided by NOAA and the Marine Sanctuary Program. The conference agreement for the Marine Sanctuary Program also includes \$500,000 to be used for international marine sanctuary and reserve issues, including, but not limited to, the work with the Galapagos Islands Marine Reserve. The conferees expect funds will be allocated, from within amounts provided for the Marine Sanctuary program, for conservation activities at the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Exploration Center.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, report language regarding Pier Romeo and a Memorandum of Understanding between the NOS Assistant Administrator and other Federal agencies as proposed by the Senate.

NOAA FISHERIES/NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

The conference agreement includes \$674,199,000 for the operations of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language proposed by the House regarding continuation of funding for implementation of a West Coast in-season harvest data collection system. The conference agreement also includes, by reference, language in the House report regarding the development of forensic tools, the protection of consumers from bacteria in raw molluscan shellfish, and the continuation of funding for the Gulf and Atlantic Foundation for education programs regarding *Vibrio vulnificus*.

The conference agreement includes additional funding for marine mammal activities, as proposed by the Senate. Of the funding provided for Dolphin Encirclement, NMFS is directed to dedicate funding and efforts on revising downward its definition of a vessel that is not capable of setting on or encircling dolphins to reflect the fact that vessels smaller than 400 short tons are known to engage in this practice.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language proposed by the Senate under the heading Native Hawaiian Observer Program.

Within funds provided for Habitat Conservation, the conferees encourage NOAA to work with the Ocean Resources Enhancement and Hatchery Program in California, if warranted, and to support the program's efforts to evaluate the effectiveness of marine replenishment.

The conference agreement includes funding for maintenance, operations, and lease costs of all NMFS labs. The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the House report regarding future NMFS base budget requests.

The conferees urge NOAA to continue support for Virginia Trawl Survey activities.

NOAA RESEARCH/OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH

The conference agreement includes \$409,278,000 for the Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) line office.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language in the House report on ballast water exchange programs; forecasting models for beach closings; coordination of efforts to protect the Great Lakes, including a report on mercury contamination; and responding to the report of the Research Review Team.

The conferees reject the proposed reductions in the budget request to continue activities at the fiscal year 2004 level for paleoclimate and abrupt climate change research; for social science research related to climate variability, including the human dimensions of climate change; and for educational outreach.

Funding is included in the Climate Research account for Joint and Cooperative Institutes for the institutes to continue their work at fiscal year 2004 levels. The conferees direct NOAA to fund all Joint Institutes on a fully annualized basis for fiscal year 2005.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language regarding the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii, and language regarding the Hawaii Marine Invasives Program, as proposed by the Senate under the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language in the Senate report regarding the distribution of funds for the Ocean Exploration Program and the National Undersea Research Program (NURP), including the participation in the Ocean Exploration Program.

NOAA NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

The conference agreement includes \$710,796,000 for the operations of the National Weather Service (NWS).

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language in the House report on weather radio coverage in certain locations.

The conferees agree that the amount provided for Air Quality Forecasting includes \$750,000 for efforts to establish air quality and meteorological monitoring equipment throughout the Shenandoah Valley as described in the House report.

The conference agreement includes funding for the Susquehanna River basin flood system within funding for Advanced Hydrological Prediction Services.

The conferees urge NOAA and NWS to take maximum advantage of capabilities and services that already exist in the commercial sector to eliminate duplication and maximize the accomplishment of the core mission of the NWS.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language regarding the weather radar and office in Williston, ND, as proposed by the Senate.

NOAA SATELLITES/NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SATELLITE, DATA, AND INFORMATION SERVICE

The conference agreement includes \$178,319,000 for the operational and research and development programs of the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS).

Data Dissemination.—The conferees are concerned that with the significant increase in oceanographic and environmental data collection in Hawaii and the American Flag Territories, including the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, NOAA continues to have inadequate capacity to provide timely data and services to the region. The conferees urge NOAA to enhance its Pacific Ocean and environmental data services and specifically encourage NOAA to incorporate the ongoing data management and archival activities at the University of Hawaii's Asia-Pacific Data Research Center (APDRC) as a critical component of an NOAA Pacific Ocean and Environment Information Center.

NOAA-WIDE PROGRAM SUPPORT

The conference agreement includes \$348,185,000 for Program Support.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language in the Senate report regarding the NOAA Education Initiative. The agreement includes \$6,500,000 for the Office of Education and new initiatives to improve K–12 environmental, science and math outreach and education. Of this amount, \$100,000 is provided to replicate the successful “Science on a Sphere” environmental education technology display at the John C. Stennis Space Center's Infinity Center facility. The conferees have shifted funding for a number of specific educational programs to the NOAA-wide program support area. As in past years, the BWET Hawaii program is to be managed by the Pacific Coastal Services Center. The amounts under the NOAA Ocean Exploration Program provided under NOAA Research include \$1,500,000 to support the Sea Research Foundation's Immersion Project as described in the Senate report.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, Senate report language regarding modernization of NOAA's infrastructure, including the fleet of vessels and aircraft, and the fleet modernization plan. The referenced plan should also provide a breakdown by geographic region, including the Western Pacific. Within the marine

services activity, \$15,350,000 is provided to ensure the full-year operation of the NOAA vessels OSCAR DYSON, FAIRWEATHER, NANCY FOSTER, and HIALAKAI, at standard operating tempos. The amounts within fleet planning and maintenance include \$2,000,000 for these same vessels. The conference agreement includes \$1,000,000 for staffing, training and planning for the newly dedicated NOAA ocean exploration vessel. The conference agreement also includes an increase of \$2,100,000 above the budget request, and above the House and Senate bills, to offset fuel price increases for all NOAA ships and aircraft.

The conferees agree that, within the amount provided for Marine Services, NOAA shall take the necessary actions to convey a decommissioned NOAA ship in operable condition to the Utrok Atoll local government as authorized by Public Law 108-219.

Of the amounts provided for Facilities, \$200,000 shall be used for completion of the Santa Cruz Laboratory sea water system.

PLANNING AND PROGRAM INTEGRATION

The conference agreement includes \$2,500,000 for Planning and Program Integration.

PROCUREMENT, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION

The conference agreement includes \$1,053,436,000 under this heading instead of \$840,000,000 as proposed by the House. The Senate bill included funding for these activities under the "Operations, Research, Facilities, and Systems Acquisition" account. The conference agreement makes funding available for three fiscal years with exceptions for certain construction activities.

The conference agreement includes language clarifying procurement authorities related to the National Polar-Orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System.

Of the amount provided for Maryland Chesapeake Bay Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation projects, \$1,000,000 is for Wapiti Farms and \$300,000 is for Holly Grove.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language regarding land acquisition and construction, including Section 2 (Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act), as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes language proposed by the Senate requiring the submission of multi-year program cost estimates for each NOAA procurement, acquisition and construction program having a total multi-year cost of more than \$5,000,000.

The conference agreement includes \$2,400,000 for acoustic quieting, outfitting and improvements for the OSCAR DYSON. The conferees understand that NOAA's first acoustically quiet fisheries research vessel is not meeting its design specifications. The conferees are concerned about NOAA's inability to adequately address this key design element within the original project budget and schedule. The conferees agree that NOAA shall submit a report to the Committees by January 1, 2005, addressing quieting issues in fisheries research vessels, including other vessels in the design and construction phase.

The conference agreement includes \$34,000,000 to complete funding for the construction of the third NOAA Fisheries Research Vessel; \$5,600,000 for initial procurement of the fourth NOAA

Fisheries Research Vessel which will be homeported on the West Coast; and \$9,300,000 to complete funding for the SWATH hydrographic vessel.

The following distribution reflects the activities funded within this account:

NOAA PROCUREMENT, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION
(\$ in Thousands)

FY 2005 Strategic Plan	FY 05 PROPOSED OPERATING PLAN Procurement, Acquisition and Construction	FY 2005 Conference Agreement
	NOS/NOAA Oceans and Coasts	
	Construction/Acquisition	
	Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program	
ECO	Orange Beach (Robinson Island), AL	1,000
ECO	Southwest Alaska Conservation	1,000
ECO	Dos Pueblos, CA	3,000
ECO	Tonner Canyon, CA	500
ECO	Hawaii CELP projects	3,000
ECO	Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries	2,000
ECO	Bayou Liberty Watershed Wetlands, LA	900
ECO	Nulands Neck, MA	300
ECO	Mount Agamenticus to the Sea, ME	1,000
ECO	MD Chesapeake Bay	5,750
ECO	Wolf River Corridor	2,000
ECO	Seacoast, NH	2,500
ECO	Manahawkin Marsh, NJ	800
ECO	North Hempstead, NY	1,000
ECO	Southold, NY	1,500
ECO	Flats East Riverfront Park, Ohio	1,500
ECO	Mentor Marsh Lake County, Ohio	1,000
ECO	East Sandusky Bay Preserve, Ohio	1,500
ECO	Maumee River Basin, Ohio	1,500
ECO	Middletown, RI	750
ECO	Armand Bayou and Genoa-Red Bluff, TX	600
ECO	Buffalo Bayou, TX	1,200
ECO	Port Aransas Nature Preserve Wetlands Project, TX	3,000
ECO	Potomac Watershed, VA	3,000
ECO	Bainbridge Is., WA	500
ECO	Maury Is., WA	1,500
	Subtotal, Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program	42,300
	NERRS Acquisition/Construction:	
ECO	National Estuarine Rsrch Reserve Construction & Land Acq (NERRS)	7,000
ECO	Elkhorn Slough, CA	2,000
	Subtotal, NERRS Acquisition/Construction	9,000
	Section 2 (FWCA) Coastal/Estuarine Land Acquisition	
ECO	Bonneau Ferry, SC	20,000
ECO	Great Bay Partnership, NH	8,000
	Subtotal, NERRS Acquisition/Construction	28,000
	Subtotal, NERRS Acquisition/Construction	37,000
	Marine Sanctuaries Construction/Acquisition	
ECO	Marine Sanctuaries Construction Base	5,000
ECO	Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary	4,000
ECO	Thunder Bay NMS Exhibit	1,000
	Subtotal, Marine Sanctuary Construction/Acquisition	10,000
	Other NOS Construction/Acquisition	
ECO	Bigelow Lab for Ocean Science (ME)	1,500
ECO	NOAA ICOOS Observing Systems	9,000
ECO	Convert NOAA Weather Buoys with NDBC	8,000
ECO	Gulf Coast Lab at Cedar Point (USM)	1,500
ALL	Pier Romeo Hardening (Charleston)	2,400
ECO	Marine Environmental Health Research Lab Enhance/Equip	7,000
ECO	National Aquarium Partnership	1,000
ECO	Conservation Institute	1,200
ECO	Univ of South Carolina Thomas Cooper Facility	4,000
ECO	Coastal Service Center	4,000
	Subtotal, Other NOS Construction/Acquisition	39,600
	Total NOS - PAC	128,900

NOAA PROCUREMENT, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION
(\$ in Thousands)

FY 2005 Strategic Plan	FY 05 PROPOSED OPERATING PLAN Procurement, Acquisition and Construction	FY 2005 Conference Agreement
	NMFS/NOAA Fisheries	
	Systems Acquisition/Construction	
ALL	Systems Acq. Computer Hardware & Software	3,500
ALL	Aquatic Resources	5,000
ECO	NOAA Pacific Regional Center/HI	15,000
C	Barrow Artic Research Center	6,000
ECO	Phase III - Galveston Laboratory Renovation - NMFS	2,000
	Subtotal, NMFS Construction	31,500
	Total, NMFS - PAC	31,500
	OAR/NOAA Research	
	Systems Acquisition	
C	Research Supercomputing/ CCRI	9,500
	Subtotal, OAR Systems Acquisition	9,500
	Total, OAR - PAC	9,500
	NWS/NOAA Weather Service	
	Systems Acquisition	
WW	ASOS	4,675
WW	AWIPS	12,894
WW	NEXRAD	10,820
WW	NWSTG Legacy Replacement	2,512
WW	Radiosonde Network Replacement	6,376
C	Weather and Climate Supercomputing	6,779
WW	Weather and Climate Supercomputing	12,825
WW	Weather and Climate Supercomputing Back-up	7,148
WW	Cooperative Observer Network Modernization	877
	Subtotal, NWS Systems Acquisition	64,906
	Construction	
WW	WFO Construction	13,000
ALL	NOAA Center for Weather & Climate Prediction	2,300
	Subtotal, NWS Construction	15,300
	Total, NWS - PAC	80,206
	NESDIS/NOAA Satellites	
	Systems Acquisition	
ALL	Geostationary Systems	305,537
	Subtotal, NESDIS - GOES	305,537
ALL	Polar Orbiting Systems - POES	105,746
ALL	Polar Orbiting Systems - NPOESS	304,901
C	EOS & Advanced Polar Data Processing, Distribution & A Archiving Systems	1,500
WW	EOS & Advanced Polar Data Processing, Distribution & A Archiving Systems	1,500
	Subtotal, NESDIS - EOS	3,000
ALL	CIP - single point of failure	2,800
	Subtotal, NESDIS - CIP	2,800
C	Comprehensive Large Array Data Stewardship Sys (CLASS)	6,541
	Subtotal, NESDIS Systems Acquisition	728,525
	Construction	
ALL	Satellite CDA Facility	2,250
ALL	Suitland Facility / NSOF	11,255
	Subtotal, NESDIS Construction	13,505
	Total, NESDIS - PAC	742,030

NOAA PROCUREMENT, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION
(\$ in Thousands)

FY 2005 Strategic Plan	FY 05 PROPOSED OPERATING PLAN Procurement, Acquisition and Construction	FY 2005 Conference Agreement
ALL	NOAA-wide Program Support / Corporate Services	
	AMNH	1,000
	Subtotal, Corporate Services	1,000
	Program Support / OMAO	
	Fleet Replacement	
CT	Small Waterplane Area Twin Hull Vessel (SWATH) & EFH	9,300
ALL	McARTHUR II/NANCY FOSTER /OSCAR ELTON SETTE Upgrades	1,800
ECO	Fisheries Research Vessel Replacement #1	2,400
ECO	Fisheries Research Vessel Replacement #3	34,000
ECO	Fisheries Research Vessel Replacement #4	5,600
ECO	Sonar for Long Range Fisheries Research	5,700
	Subtotal, OMAO Fleet Replacement	58,800
	Aircraft Replacement	
ALL	Required Safety & Regulatory Upgrades to Various Aircraft	1,500
	Subtotal, OMAO Aircraft Replacement	1,500
	Total, Ship Building, Sys. Acq. & Construction	61,300
	TOTAL, PAC - Line & Staff Office Direct Obs	1,053,436
	Total Construction	190,205
	Total System Acquisition	802,931
	Total Fleet Replacement	58,800
	Total Aircraft Replacement	1,500
	TOTAL, PAC - Line & Staff Office Direct Obs	1,053,436

FY2005	Strategic Plan	
ALL	NOAA-WIDE	749,989
ECO	ECOSYSTEMS	191,200
C	CLIMATE	30,320
WW	WEATHER & WATER	72,627
CT	COMMERCE & TRANSPORTATION	9,300
OE	OCEAN EXPLORATION	0

PACIFIC COASTAL SALMON RECOVERY

The conference agreement provides \$90,000,000 for Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery, instead of \$80,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$99,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. Language is included extending authorization for this program in fiscal year 2005 and authorizing participation by the State of Idaho.

Funds provided under this heading shall be allocated as follows: \$24,000,000 for Alaska; \$13,000,000 for California; \$2,500,000 for Columbia River Tribes; \$4,500,000 for Idaho; \$13,000,000 for Oregon; \$8,000,000 for Pacific Coast Tribes; and \$25,000,000 for Washington.

With respect to the amounts for Alaska, the conferences agree to the following allocation: \$3,500,000 is for the Arctic Yukon-Kuskokwim Sustainable Salmon initiative; \$1,000,000 is for the Cook Inlet Fishing Community Assistance Program; \$500,000 is for the Yukon River Drainage Association; \$3,368,000 is for Fairbanks hatchery facilities; \$250,000 is for an initiative to redefine optimum goals for sockeye, chinook, and coho stocks; \$2,500,000 is for the NSRAA Hatchery; \$500,000 is for Coffman Cove king salmon; \$250,000 is for the State of Alaska to participate in discussions regarding the Columbia River hydro-system and for fisheries revitalization; \$100,000 is for the United Fishermen of Alaska's subsistence program; \$3,500,000 is to restore salmon fisheries in Anchorage at Ship Creek, Chester Creek, and Campbell Creek, including habitat restoration and facilities; \$500,000 is for Alaska Village Initiatives to enhance salmon stocks; \$800,000 is for Bristol Bay Science and Research Institute; \$1,100,000 is for the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation; \$150,000 is for the State of Alaska for fishing rationalization research; \$1,500,000 is for the State of Alaska for fisheries monitoring; \$1,500,000 is for the Alaska SeaLife Center to restore salmon runs in Resurrection Bay; \$500,000 is for the southeast Revitalization Association for its fleet stabilization program; \$1,000,000 is for the Kenai River; and \$200,000 is to restore the Craig watershed.

Of the amounts provided to the State of Washington, \$3,500,000 is for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and other State and Federal agencies for purposes of implementing the State of Washington's Forest and Fish report, and \$3,000,000 is for the purchase of mass marking equipment used at Federal hatcheries in Washington State to promote selective fisheries and protect threatened and endangered species.

Of the amounts provided to the State of Oregon, \$1,000,000 is for conservation mass marking at the Columbia River Hatcheries.

The conferees agree that NOAA shall report to the Committees by March 31, 2005, on final performance measures for this program, including an assessment of cumulative program effects on Pacific salmon stocks, and the identification of recovery needs of specific salmon populations as a resource for determining future funding allocations.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT FUND

The conference agreement includes language allowing the transfer of up to \$3,000,000 to the "Operations, Research, and Fa-

ilities” account for the costs of implementing the Coastal Zone Management Act, as proposed by the Senate.

FISHERMEN’S CONTINGENCY FUND

The conference agreement includes \$499,000 for the Fishermen’s Contingency Fund, instead of no funding as proposed by the House and \$956,000 as proposed by the Senate.

FISHERIES FINANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The conference agreement includes language proposed by the Senate providing \$287,000 to subsidize up to \$5,000,000 for Individual Fishing Quota loans and up to \$59,000,000 for fishing capacity reduction loans, of which \$40,000,000 may be used for the United States distant water tuna fleet, and \$19,000,000 may be used or the United States menhaden fishery.

OTHER

DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$48,109,000 for costs related to managing the Department of Commerce, instead of \$52,109,000 as proposed in the House, and \$55,550,000 as proposed in the Senate. The conference agreement includes \$1,621,000 and 12 full-time equivalents for the legislative affairs function of the Department.

The conference agreement includes, by reference, language proposed in the House report regarding the security upgrades to the Herbert C. Hoover building, and language regarding office relocations.

The conferees direct the Secretary of Commerce, in cooperation with the Secretaries of Energy and Labor, to examine and prepare a study on the economic impacts of rising natural gas prices on energy-intensive industries overseas. The conferees expect a report to be provided to the Committees on Appropriations no later than 120 days after the enactment of this Act.

UNITED STATES TRAVEL AND TOURISM PROMOTION

The conference agreement includes \$10,000,000 for the United States Travel and Tourism Promotion program, instead of \$20,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The House did not include funding for this purpose.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The conference agreement includes \$21,660,000 for the Inspector General for fiscal year 2005, instead of \$22,249,000 as proposed by the House and \$21,071,000 as proposed by the Senate.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The conference agreement includes the following general provisions for the Department of Commerce:

Section 201 making Department of Commerce funds available for advanced payments only upon certification of officials designated by the Secretary that such payments are considered to be in the public interest.

Section 202 making appropriations for the Department for Salaries and Expenses available for hire of passenger motor vehicles, and for services, uniforms and allowances as authorized by law.

Section 203 providing the authority to transfer funds between Department of Commerce appropriation accounts and requiring notification to the Committees of certain actions.

Section 204 providing that any costs incurred by the Department in response to funding reductions shall be absorbed within total budgetary resources available.

Section 205 prohibiting the use of Commerce Department funds for the purpose of reimbursing the Unemployment Trust Fund or any other account of the Treasury to pay unemployment compensation for temporary census workers.

Section 206 designating amounts available in the "Promote and Develop Fishery Products and Research Pertaining to American Fisheries" fund and including language to provide authorities for a certain Board.

Section 207 authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to operate a marine laboratory.

Section 208 extending the availability of funds to administer the Emergency Steel Loan Guarantee Act of 1999.

Section 209 providing the authority and amounts to administer a certain fishing capacity reduction program.

Section 210 establishing the position of Coordinator for International Intellectual Property Enforcement.

Section 211 designating funds for certain projects.

Section 212 extending authorization for the environmental cleanup of the Pribilof Islands.

Section 213 making permanent the conservation and management of marine mammals in the State of Hawaii.

Section 214 establishing the Ernest F. Hollings Scholarship program.

Section 215 regarding a certain land transfer.

Section 216 regarding an ocean activities fund.

Section 217 regarding E-government initiatives.

Section 218 authorizing a fishing capacity reduction program.

Section 219 authorizing a fishing capacity reduction program.

Section 220 regarding a community development quota program.

Section 221 designating funding for a fishing capacity reduction program.

TITLE III—THE JUDICIARY

The conferees adopt by reference the Senate report language regarding budgetary constraints and reminding the Judiciary that it should comply with section 605 of this Act. The conferees also adopt by reference the House report language concerning fast track programs.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$58,122,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Supreme Court, as proposed by the House and the Senate. The conferees adopt by reference House report language regarding public access to Supreme Court proceedings. The conferees also adopt by reference House and Senate report language regarding personnel and inflationary increases.

CARE OF THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The conference agreement includes \$9,979,000 for the Supreme Court "Care of the Building and Grounds" account, as proposed by the House, instead of \$10,579,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement is \$600,000 below the request because of the planned delay in renovating the Supreme Court's kitchen. The conference agreement adopts by reference the House report language concerning budget requests to renovate the Court.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$21,780,000 for the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, instead of \$20,624,000 as proposed by the Senate and \$22,936,000 as proposed by the House. The conferees adopt by reference Senate report language regarding funding for a Deputy Circuit Executive, a disaster recovery plan, and an independent security assessment.

Consistent with the budget request, the amount provided includes \$541,000 transferred from the Court Security appropriation for eight court security officers currently stationed at the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. In addition, the conferees have become aware that the Federal Circuit relies on an annual reimbursement from the Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and Other Judicial Services, Salaries and Expenses account to cover certain costs associated with library operations. To eliminate the need for this reimbursement, the amount provided includes \$400,000 for library expenses that have previously been transferred from the Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and Other Judicial Services, Salaries and Expenses account.

UNITED STATES COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$14,888,000 for the U.S. Court of International Trade, as proposed by the House, instead of \$14,060,000 as proposed by the Senate.

COURTS OF APPEALS, DISTRICT COURTS, AND OTHER JUDICIAL SERVICES

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$4,177,244,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and

Other Judicial Services, as proposed by the House, instead of \$4,131,487,000 as proposed by the Senate. The amount provided assumes that Federal Protective Service charges are funded in the Court Security account.

Office of Probation and Pretrial Services.—The conferees adopt by reference the Senate report language on the Office of Probation and Pretrial Services in the Southern District of Florida.

The Edwin L. Nelson Local Initiative Program.—Within 30 days of enactment of this Act, the Administrative Office (AO) will report to the Committees on Appropriations the financial status of this program. This report, at a minimum, will include a list of all courts that have received grants to date, the reasons for the grants, and the amounts provided. Hereafter, the AO shall submit this information on a quarterly basis.

VACCINE INJURY COMPENSATION TRUST FUND

The conference agreement includes \$3,298,000 from the Vaccine Injury Compensation Trust Fund instead of \$3,471,000 as proposed by the House and \$3,159,000 as proposed by the Senate.

DEFENDER SERVICES

The conference agreement includes \$676,385,000 for the Federal Judiciary's Defender Services account, instead of \$676,469,000 as proposed by the House and \$648,116,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees adopt by reference the Senate report language regarding an increase in the hourly rate for panel attorneys in capital cases and an increase in the case compensation maximum for panel attorneys in non-capital cases. The conferees also adopt by reference the Senate report language concerning training programs by the Federal Defender's Office in the Southern District of Florida.

The conference agreement includes section 119 supporting a pilot program with the Bureau of Prisons and the Federal Public Defender's Office in the Southern District of Florida. By October 15, 2005, the Defender's Office should report to the Committees on Appropriations on the cost savings achieved by this pilot program.

FEES OF JURORS AND COMMISSIONERS

The conference agreement includes \$61,535,000 for Fees of Jurors and Commissioners, instead of \$62,800,000 as proposed by the House and Senate. The conference agreement fully funds the Judiciary's latest estimate of needs for this account.

COURT SECURITY

The conference agreement includes \$332,000,000 for the Judiciary's Court Security Account, instead of \$379,580,000 as proposed by the House and \$274,653,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes the transfer of the Federal Protective Service (FPS) charge from the Salaries and Expenses account to this account. The conferees understand that the FPS has not provided the Administrative Office (AO) of the U.S. Courts with a detailed justification to substantiate the 34 percent increase in FPS security costs assessed to the judiciary in fiscal year 2005, as

discussed in the Senate report. The conferees are unable to confirm the need for an increase, and therefore the conference agreement only provides \$58,000,000 for FPS security charges, which is the fiscal year 2004 payment plus an inflationary cost increase.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$68,200,000 for the Administrative Office of the United States Courts (AOUSC) instead of \$68,635,000 as proposed by the House and \$67,249,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees adopt by reference the Senate report language concerning cost saving measures, new positions for program oversight, the Edwin L. Nelson Local Initiatives program, and requirements for reprogramming actions under section 605.

FEDERAL JUDICIAL CENTER

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$21,737,000 for salaries and expenses of the Federal Judicial Center as proposed by the House, instead of \$21,670,000 as proposed by the Senate.

JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUNDS

PAYMENT TO JUDICIARY TRUST FUNDS

The conference agreement includes \$36,700,000 for payment to various judicial retirement funds, as proposed by the House and Senate.

UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$13,304,000 for the U.S. Sentencing Commission, as proposed by the House instead of \$12,404,000 as proposed by the Senate.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THE JUDICIARY

Section 301.—The conference agreement includes a provision allowing appropriations to be used for services as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 3109.

Section 302.—The conference agreement includes a provision related to the transfer of funds.

Section 303.—The conference agreement includes a provision allowing up to \$11,000 to be used for official representation expenses of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

Section 304.—The conference agreement includes a provision raising the compensation maximums for Criminal Justice Act panel attorneys.

Section 305.—The conference agreement includes a provision requiring the Administrative Office to submit an annual financial plan for the Judiciary.

Section 306.—The conference agreement includes a provision allowing for a salary adjustment for Justices and judges.

Section 307.—The conference agreement includes a provision changing the fee structure for district court filings.

Section 308.—The conference agreement includes a provision changing the Central Violations Bureau processing fees.

TITLE IV—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND RELATED AGENCY

In total, the conference agreement includes \$8,882,787,000 for the Department of State and the Broadcasting Board of Governors. Of the total amount provided, \$8,750,187,000 is derived from general purpose discretionary funds and \$132,600,000 is scored as mandatory spending. This funding level includes significant program increases to improve diplomatic readiness and security. The conference agreement includes \$1,571,022,000 to continue worldwide security activities, including the design and construction of replacement facilities for the most vulnerable overseas posts.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

The conference agreement for the Department of State is intended to continue the Department's efforts to meet emerging diplomatic requirements, strengthen diplomatic and border security, and institute sweeping management reforms. In the past five fiscal years, the Congress has provided appropriations to significantly increase the Department's operating budget, including funding to support the hiring and training of new employees.

The conference agreement includes a total of \$8,283,227,000 for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of State. Of the total amount provided, \$8,150,627,000 is derived from general purpose discretionary funds and \$132,600,000 is scored as mandatory spending. The conferees expect that this funding level will allow the Department to meet critical embassy security and staffing requirements, modernize its technology and equipment, and continue vigorous management reform initiatives to right-size America's overseas presence.

The conference agreement includes a total of \$6,314,122,000 for the discretionary appropriation accounts under Administration of Foreign Affairs; \$1,672,000,000 for International Organizations; \$64,130,000 for International Commissions; and \$100,375,000 for other activities. The conferees' priorities for the Department of State are delineated in the following paragraphs.

ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS

The conference agreement includes \$4,228,702,000 for the Diplomatic and Consular Programs account, instead of \$4,278,701,000 as proposed by the House and \$4,151,755,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes \$658,702,000 to continue funding for worldwide security upgrades, and \$319,994,000 for public diplomacy programs. The conference agreement represents an increase of \$165,214,000 above the fiscal year 2004 appropriation, excluding emergency appropriations.

Right-sizing.—The conferees urge the Department to move forward expeditiously with its right-sizing plan. Right-sizing refers to

the reconfiguration of overseas U.S. Government personnel to the number necessary to achieve U.S. foreign policy goals. The conferees recognize that, as the property manager for all U.S. Government properties overseas, the Department of State faces considerable pressure to accommodate ever-greater numbers of non-State Department personnel in its overseas facilities. Given the increasing security vulnerabilities of U.S. Government personnel and facilities, the conferees strongly urge the Department to use the most stringent criteria for determining overseas staffing levels. In addition, the conferees expect the staffing decision-making mechanism used for the U.S. mission in Iraq to be the model for future right-sizing efforts.

For any right-sizing framework to be effective, it must have two main components: (1) a process for determining, internally, the appropriate number of State Department personnel stationed overseas, and (2) an interagency process for determining the appropriate number of non-military U.S. government personnel stationed overseas. To this end, the conference agreement designates \$3,000,000 for the Department to continue the operations of the Office on Right-Sizing the United States Overseas Presence. The conferees expect that this Office, which shall continue to report directly to the Undersecretary for Management, will lead the Department's effort to develop internal and interagency mechanisms to better coordinate, rationalize, and manage the deployment of U.S. government personnel overseas. The conferees expect the Office of Right-Sizing to report to the Committees on Appropriations each year on June 1 regarding the trends in overseas staffing, and support for Chiefs of Mission (COM) and to undertake a review of certain posts, as described in the Senate report.

As part of the overall right-sizing function, the conferees encourage the Department to review the International Cooperative Administrative Support Services (ICASS) system to ensure that the system contributes to right-sizing efforts.

The conferees commend the Department for its recent steps to strengthen internal processes for determining staffing projections for overseas personnel needs. However, more needs to be done. The conferees are not aware of any right-sizing analysis in the past several years that has resulted in a proposed reduction to a country-wide staffing presence. The conferees are supportive of the concept of regionalization. Regionalization refers to the practice of basing certain administrative functions and personnel in regional centers, or "hubs", thereby creating efficiencies. The conferees note that the Department continues to make less than notable progress towards developing an interagency right-sizing process, but anticipates that the capital security cost sharing plan will create new right-sizing incentives to facilitate meeting the conferees' expectations. Language is included establishing and outlining the requirements of the Department's capital cost sharing plan to encourage other Federal agencies to examine more closely whether the personnel they send overseas are truly mission-critical. The conferees remind the Department that this interagency process should not supercede the authority of COMs to determine the composition of their posts, but rather, to serve as a tool and support mechanism. The post must remain at the center of the right-sizing process.

Border Security Program.—The conference agreement includes \$836,480,000 for the Department's Border Security Program, of which \$75,000,000 is from appropriated funds, \$661,480,000 is funded through the collection of Machine Readable Visa (MRV) fees, and approximately \$100,000,000 is to be funded through a proposed Enhanced Border Security Program Fee. The conferees expect this funding to provide for an increase of 60 new consular positions, for a total position base of 2,585 positions by the end of fiscal year 2005. The conferees direct the Department to continue its bimonthly reporting on MRV fee revenues as specified in the conference report accompanying the fiscal year 2003 Supplemental Appropriations Act (Public Law 108–11). Disruption of the border security program due to a MRV fee shortfall must be avoided at all costs. The conferees would therefore entertain a reprogramming of funds out of the Diplomatic and Consular Programs account to cover any unanticipated shortfall in the Department's Border Security Program.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language as proposed in the House report concerning efforts to strengthen the visa process to make it an effective anti-terrorism tool. Further, the conference agreement adopts, by reference, language in the Senate report concerning the Interagency Study on the Visa Clearance Process. The conferees require the Department of Justice to work with the Departments of Homeland Security and State on this effort.

Within the amount provided, \$175,000 is to support the United States' membership in the Arctic Council and \$40,000 is to support the United States' membership in the Bering Straits Commission. The former includes funds for representation expenses and travel for United States delegates.

The conference agreement includes language increasing the fees the Department of State may collect for passports and immigrant visas.

Public Diplomacy.—The conference agreement includes language designating \$319,994,000 for the Department's Public Diplomacy program. The conferees continue to believe that separately identifying public diplomacy resources will facilitate monitoring funding levels and trends for these activities. The need to strengthen our public diplomacy has gained urgency as we continue to see alarming public opinion polls and foreign media content relating to the war on terrorism and the war in Iraq that reveal profound anti-American sentiments, and often a rejection of our values. The need for expanded efforts is primarily, but not exclusively, in the Arab and Muslim world. The conferees direct the Department to submit reports outlining the criteria for measuring performance of these expanded efforts, and expect these reports to be submitted to the Committees on Appropriations on a quarterly basis.

The conference agreement adopts language as proposed in the House report regarding the American Corners program. The conference agreement also adopts language regarding efforts to counter disinformation and deliberate misinformation.

The conferees urge the Department to review the recommendations made by the Defense Science Board Task Force on Strategic Communication in their September 2004 report.

The conferees commend the Department on the establishment of an office of policy, plans, and resources within the Office of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs; and the recent efforts and proposed plans to strengthen the authority of the Under Secretary to improve accountability for public diplomacy resources. The conferees continue to urge the Department to improve interagency coordination; increase resources dedicated to program performance measurement and research; expand the English language office; support speaker and fellows programs; expand American studies programs, including American Corners; and increase public diplomacy staff with better language skills. The conferees adopt, by reference, language in the Senate report concerning the Department's Public Diplomacy Strategy, PD Global Forum, and Micro-grants.

The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the Senate report regarding the refining of a public diplomacy strategy, including the harmonization of mission and strategy with the Broadcasting Board of Governors, and the incorporation of ongoing international assistance and volunteer programs into public diplomacy.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language included in the Senate report concerning the 9/11 Commission Report, including a report on how the Department intends to implement its recommendations.

The conferees include \$2,500,000 for the Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation. Currently, there is no greater need for achieving understanding than in the Middle East. Therefore, within amounts available, at least \$500,000 is for projects in the Middle East.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language included in the Senate report concerning Continuing Overseas Language Training and provides \$6,000,000 for this purpose.

Cultural Antiquities Task Force.—The conference agreement also includes \$1,000,000 for a cultural antiquities task force as described in the Senate report. The task force will coordinate with all relevant Federal law enforcement and cultural agencies to prevent further looting and promote preservation of Iraq's historically and culturally significant works. The conferees expect the Department to create a database as described in the Senate report. The conferees further urge the Department to make changes to visa policies as they pertain to persons found to have looted, damaged, or trafficked historically or culturally significant works. Finally, the conference agreement includes language proposed in the Senate report regarding a report on the creation of the Cultural Antiquities Task Force, funding requirements, and investigation of alleged damage to an Iraqi temple.

North Korea.—The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language contained in the Senate report concerning an international conference on the human rights situation in North Korea. The conferees expect the conference to be administered by Freedom House.

The conferees recognize the importance of the Special Envoy position created by Section 107 of Public Law 108-478 and include \$1,000,000 for this purpose. The conferees expect that the Special

Envoy will be compensated at a level available to Ambassadors without portfolio, and that no full-time incumbent State Department official will fill this position.

Anti-Semitism.—The conferees direct the State Department to work with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to support projects and personnel increases to combat anti-Semitism and intolerance.

Intellectual Property Protection.—The conferees continue to be concerned regarding the adequacy of the Department's infrastructure for fulfilling its responsibility to protect American intellectual property. The conference agreement includes language establishing the Office of International Intellectual Property Enforcement. The conference report adopts, by reference, Senate report language regarding a report to the Committees on Appropriations concerning intellectual property efforts.

Post-conflict Response.—The conferees include language regarding the function of the Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, as proposed by the Senate, with the exception of a funding designation. The conferees support the Department's establishment of the Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, which shall serve as the central entity to plan and coordinate United States Government civilian activities in pre- and post-conflict environments, and to react to complex contingencies. The conferees understand that this office will improve operational response time in the areas of reconstruction, stabilization, and humanitarian assistance. The conferees direct the Office to coordinate with bureaus within the State Department, other relevant U.S. agencies, and non-governmental organizations. The conference agreement adopts by reference language included in the Senate report regarding a description of this Office's functions and a description of how the Office will coordinate with other bureaus in the Department and other agencies. The conferees expect to be notified of any expansion of the Office as required by section 605 of this Act.

War Crimes.—The conferees reiterate their support for the work of the Special Court for Sierra Leone. The purpose of the Special Court is to prosecute those who bear the greatest responsibility for the appalling violations of international and Sierra Leonean law and crimes against humanity perpetrated during the conflict in Sierra Leone. Charles Taylor, the former president of Liberia, has been indicted by the Special Court of Sierra Leone and faces 17 counts of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and violations of international humanitarian law. Charles Taylor organized and ordered widespread and systematic attacks on the civilian population of Sierra Leone. According to the indictment, his supporters commonly used abductions, hacking off limbs, facial and bodily mutilations, and gang rapes to wage a terror campaign against civilians who supported the Revolutionary United Front in Sierra Leone. The conferees expect the Department to ensure that funding for the Special Court continues until all indictees are brought to justice expeditiously, including Charles Taylor. The conferees encourage the Bureau of African Affairs and the Special Court for Sierra Leone to work cooperatively to bring about this result.

International Religious Freedom.—The conference agreement continues funding for the Office of International Religious Freedom in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor. The conferees urge the Office to develop and implement comprehensive strategies to promote religious liberty, and to assist in the preparation of the Human Rights Reports and the Annual Report on International Religious Freedom. The conferees also expect the Office, in consultation with the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, to work to further incorporate religious freedom themes in the Department's public diplomacy programs. In addition, the conferees expect the Department to continue to integrate the internationally recognized right to freedom of religion into foreign service officer training at all levels.

The conferees urge the Secretary of State to continue to every extent possible to monitor and promote religious freedom and human rights in China, Eritrea, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam. The conferees expect the Secretary of State to use all available forums and formal actions to address violations of religious freedom in these countries. The Secretary of State should continue to consult with the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom to promote religious freedom and human rights abroad.

Sudan.—The conferees expect the Department to review current staffing levels at the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum and to address increased requirements at this post. The conferees direct the Department to report to the Committees on Appropriations on the findings of this review and any proposal for staffing increases by no later than 120 days after the enactment of this Act.

Worldwide Security Upgrades.—The conference agreement includes \$658,702,000 for worldwide security upgrades as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$658,701,000 as proposed by the House. The conference agreement includes \$582,482,000 for ongoing security activities, including guard services, physical equipment, armored vehicles, personnel, training, and wireless communications; and State Department participation in TOPOFF III, a national counterterrorism exercise, at the funding level described in the Senate report. Language is included to continue \$5,000,000 for the Center for Antiterrorism and Security Training. The conference agreement includes \$43,400,000 to continue the perimeter/compound security initiative and \$29,198,000 in program increases. The program increases include \$4,000,000, for a total of \$18,422,000 for the prevention and response to chemical or biological agents in various locations around the world; \$14,698,000 to support an additional 71 security professional staff positions, including 6 special agents and 55 professional and administrative support positions; \$4,500,000 for a total of \$27,714,000, to maintain a five-year replacement cycle for armored vehicles; \$3,000,000 to reduce the risk that information systems will be compromised; and \$3,000,000 to improve electronic access to, and exchange of, security and law enforcement information.

The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the House report on the interagency task force to monitor the United Nations headquarters renovation project, intelligence and research, club drugs, trafficking in persons, minority recruitment

and hiring, overseas schools, ICASS, security of classified material, Tibet, and the U.S. presence in China. The conference agreement also includes, by reference, language in the Senate report on financial operations, foreign language proficiency, clean energy technology exports, international child abductions, marine environmental issues, and international trade.

Food and Agriculture Organization.—Within funding provided under this heading, the conferees expect the Department to support the costs of an independent, outside evaluation of the operations and performance of the Food and Agriculture Organization. The conferees expect the Department to report to the Committees on Appropriations in both the House and Senate by no later than March 31, 2005.

As in previous years, the conferees expect that there will be additional savings available to the Department, including vacancies in funded positions. The Department will have the ability to propose that savings be used for needs not funded by the recommendation through the normal reprogramming process. The conferees are concerned about the Department's practice of resubmitting reprogramming requests that have previously been denied by the Committees on Appropriations. Reprogrammings should be resubmitted only if the circumstances surrounding the request or the request itself change substantially enough to warrant a reevaluation by the Committees. The conferees remind the Department that action by the Committees on Appropriations is required before the Department proceeds with any reprogramming action.

The conference agreement includes language in the bill, similar to language in prior years, which: (1) permits not to exceed \$4,000,000 to be transferred to the Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service account for emergency evacuations and terrorist rewards; (2) provides \$1,426,000 in fees collected from other Executive Branch agencies and \$490,000 from reserves for lease or use of facilities at the International Center Complex, as authorized by law; (3) provides not to exceed \$15,000 from reimbursements, surcharges, and fees for use of Blair House facilities in accordance with the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956; (4) requires notification of Congress before processing licenses for the export of satellites to China; and (5) makes not to exceed \$6,000,000 in fee collections available until expended for various activities.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND

The conference agreement includes \$52,149,000 for the Capital Investment Fund, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$100,000,000 as proposed by the House. The conference agreement includes two separate accounts for the Department's information technology (IT) programs. The agreement includes language to create a new account, called the "Centralized Information Technology Modernization Program". The Capital Investment Fund will continue to provide funding only for new investments in IT, and the new account will provide funding for the maintenance of the Department's IT infrastructure, including hardware and software refreshment and upgrades.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language included in the Senate report concerning payroll consolidation, public

diplomacy support, centralization, messaging, and centralized management of information. The conference agreement includes \$7,563,000 for public key infrastructure requirements to help secure interagency communications.

CENTRALIZED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

The conference agreement includes \$77,851,000 for a new account entitled Centralized Information Technology Modernization Program, instead of \$102,951,000 as proposed by the Senate. The House did not provide funding for a new account. The conference agreement includes language establishing this new account to provide funding for the maintenance of the Department's IT infrastructure, including hardware and software refreshment and upgrades.

In addition, the Department is directed to develop a plan to implement a four-year replacement and modernization program for its classified and unclassified desktop computers, servers, network equipment, circuits, and software. The purpose of this plan will be to provide a blueprint for the maintenance of the Department's network infrastructure to meet current and future needs and to ensure that the Department's communications and information systems remain state-of-the-art. The Department is directed to update this plan on an annual basis. The Department shall provide the first such plan to the Committees on Appropriations no later than September 1, 2005, and every year thereafter at the time of submission of the President's budget request to Congress.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The conference agreement includes \$30,435,000 for the Office of Inspector General (OIG) as proposed by the House, instead of \$31,435,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes language, as carried in previous years, waiving the requirement for a five-year post inspection cycle. The conference agreement does not include language in the Senate report on U.S. diplomatic activities in Iraq.

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

The conference agreement includes a total of \$360,750,000 under this heading, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$345,346,000 as proposed by the House. The following chart displays the conference agreement on the distribution of funds by program or activity under this account, including an estimated \$5,400,000 in prior year recoveries and unobligated balances:

	<i>Amount (in thousands)</i>
Academic Programs:	
Fulbright Students, Scholars, Teachers, Humphreys	\$160,532
Regional Graduate Fellowships/Junior Faculty Development ...	25,000
Educational Advising and Student Services	3,500
English Language Programs	8,381
American Overseas Research Centers	3,200
South Pacific Exchanges	500
Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship	2,600
George Mitchell Fellowship Program	500
Tibet Exchanges	600
East Timor Exchanges	500

	<i>Amount (in thousands)</i>
Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program	250
U.S.-Poland-Israel Exchange	250
Montana Tech Foreign Exchange Program	150
Disability Exchange Clearinghouse	500
Subtotal, Academic Programs	206,463
Professional and Cultural Programs:	
International Visitor Program	62,175
Citizen Exchange Programs/Youth and Excellence	45,536
Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange	3,176
Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program	1,800
Youth Science Leadership Institute of the Americas	100
Special Olympics	1,000
Global Perspectives Project and Public TV Conference	750
Africa Workforce Development Exchanges	400
Arctic Winter Games	200
PSC U.S.-Pakistan Educator Development	250
Institute for Representative Government	500
Council on Women World Leaders	500
Irish Institute	750
Northern Forum	300
Rule of Law Forum	800
Seed Programs	600
SIFE	250
International Writing Program	200
Atlantic Corridor	250
Interparliamentary Exchanges/Conferences	400
Interparliamentary Conference on Human Rights and Religious Freedom	250
University of Miami Hemispheric Program	500
Subtotal, Professional and Cultural Exchanges	120,687
Exchanges Support	39,000
Prior Year Balances Applied	(5,400)
Total, Exchange Programs	360,750

Deviations from distribution of funds under this heading will be subject to the normal reprogramming procedures under section 605 of this Act.

The conferees understand that, due to the absorption of the former Soviet Eastern European exchanges in this account, there are additional needs for funding in the "Exchanges Support" category. The Department is directed to apply, on a priority basis, any balances that may become available for this purpose.

The conference agreement includes, by reference, Senate report language regarding the exchange visitor program, program regulations, the Fulbright Foreign Student Program with Iraq and Afghanistan, and working exchanges.

The conference agreement continues a program begun in fiscal year 2000 to provide one-time funding to international exchange start-ups. The recommendation includes \$100,000 for each of the following programs: the Middle East Information Portal; the Afghanistan Young Leaders Program at the University of Nebraska-Omaha; the Flushing Council on Culture and the Arts' Partnership Between Queens and Taipei; the Inuit Circumpolar Conference; and the Auschwitz Jewish Center's Student Scholarship Program.

Of the amounts provided for Seed programs, \$300,000 is available for exchange programs related to Operation Smile, Inc.

The conferees support the expansion of the Partnerships for Learning program, which is an overarching theme for exchanges in which resources are shifted from lower to higher priority regions. Presently, and for the near future, the focus of the program is on engagement with the Arab/Muslim world.

Within amounts specified in the chart, the conference agreement includes \$14,500,000 for the Future Leaders Exchange Program, \$2,700,000 for teacher and school administrator exchanges, Teaching Excellence Awards (including the Partners in Education program), and \$4,700,000 for Junior Faculty Development Program exchanges. The conferees support the Youth Exchange Study program.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language in the House report on Fulbright exchanges with Tibet; the Leaders in Education Initiative; Traditional Public-Private Partnership grants; artistic and cultural exchanges; minimizing unnecessary barriers to legitimate travel of exchange program participants; enhanced support for engaging Arab and Muslim audiences through exchange programs; allocation of funding for the Near East and South Asia regions; religious freedom; and the allocation of all resources under this account in accordance with worldwide policy priorities.

REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES

The conference agreement includes \$8,640,000 for representation allowances as proposed by both the House and Senate. The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the House report regarding the submission of a quarterly report on expenditures under this account.

PROTECTION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS AND OFFICIALS

The conference agreement includes \$9,894,000 under this heading as proposed by the House, instead of \$5,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the House report regarding the Department's treatment of reimbursement requests and the submission of a report on budgeting for protection expenses in light of heightened security measures. The conferees believe that local jurisdictions incurring such costs must submit a certified billing for such costs in accordance with program regulations. The conferees expect the Department to treat such submissions diligently and provide reimbursement for valid claims to local jurisdictions on a timely basis. The conferees recognize that, in those instances where a local jurisdiction will realize a financial benefit from a visit by a foreign dignitary through increased tax revenues, such circumstances should be taken into account by the Department in assessing the need for reimbursement under this program.

EMBASSY SECURITY, CONSTRUCTION, AND MAINTENANCE

The conference agreement includes a total appropriation of \$1,524,000,000 for Embassy Security, Construction, and Maintenance.

nance, as proposed by the House, instead of \$1,376,758,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement designates \$912,320,000 as available only for priority worldwide security upgrades, acquisition, and construction, the full amount requested for such activities. The conference agreement includes full requested wage and price increases for the Department's Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO).

The conference agreement includes \$912,320,000 for worldwide security upgrades, including \$869,000,000 to continue the capital security program for constructing new secure replacement facilities for the Department's most vulnerable embassies and consulates. Within the funds made available under this category, the conferees expect the Department to undertake new office building projects from among the highest priority facilities listed in the Long Range Overseas Buildings Plan. Projects funded under this account must follow a rigorous right-sizing methodology.

The conferees expect that projects undertaken under this program will address the highest priority facilities from a security standpoint. The conference agreement supports the construction of seven new embassy compounds, two annex buildings, four United States Agency for International Development (USAID) buildings on secure embassy compounds, and acquisition of a number of secure sites for future embassy compounds.

Brussels, Belgium.—The conferees understand that certain non-security requirements exist in the State facilities in Brussels. The conference agreement includes \$2,500,000 for these requirements.

The conference agreement includes such sums as necessary for the renovation of and seismic upgrades to the historic Palazzo Corpi building in Istanbul, Turkey, as determined by the Secretary.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language included in the Senate report concerning Beirut, Lebanon, and Karachi, Pakistan, building size, and asset management funds.

The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the House report regarding compound security, security capital projects fully meeting existing security standards, immediate notification on serious security risks, reprogramming, and right-sizing.

The conference agreement includes \$15,000,000 to secure and protect soft targets, of which \$10,000,000 is for security at overseas schools attended by dependents of U.S. Government employees; \$8,000,000 for consular workspace improvements; and \$25,000,000 for buyout of uneconomic leases, as described in the Senate report.

The recommendation includes language establishing the Capital Security Cost Sharing Program. Under this program, all agencies that have staff overseas under Chief of Mission authority will pay a fair share of urgent, security-driven capital projects undertaken to replace embassies and consulates at the most vulnerable posts. The goals of this program are two-fold. First, the program will accelerate the replacement of unsafe, unsecured and outdated diplomatic facilities that are used overseas by U.S. Government agencies. This is planned as a 14-year, \$17,500,000,000 program to replace 150 vulnerable embassy and consulate facilities with new compounds that fully comply with statutory security requirements. Second, the program will create incentives within all government

departments and agencies to scrutinize and “right-size” their overseas presence to avoid unnecessary costs and security risks.

Each agency with staff overseas under Chief of Mission authority has, built into their fiscal year 2005 budget request, an annual contribution towards construction of new secure diplomatic facilities based on the number of positions overseas and the type of space occupied. These contributions do not take the place of State Department contributions, which are also growing, but create a larger, shared funding pool to accelerate replacement. In fiscal year 2004, the conferees funded the “virtual” costs of the program by including a \$120,000,000 increase to State Department appropriations. The recommendation assumes a total program level of \$869,020,000 in fiscal year 2005 for Capital Security Construction, including \$785,320,000 under this account. The total amount includes a continuing State Department base appropriation of \$622,720,000. The additional amount generated by the Capital Security Cost Sharing program is \$249,101,862, which consists of \$160,186,300 from the State Department included under this account, and \$88,915,562 from non-State agencies, based on positions worldwide. The conferees understand that there is an anticipated five-year phase-in period for the program, wherein the total Government-wide amount grows from \$869,020,000 in fiscal year 2005, to \$1,400,000,000, then remains at that level for the next 9 years. The conferees further understand that the program will include agency involvement in setting priorities, and in other aspects of the development of new embassy compounds. The conferees believe that the establishment of strong interagency coordination and cooperation will be critical to achievement of program goals, and encourage the Department and the Administration to ensure that the management of this program is inclusive, cooperative and transparent.

The conference agreement includes \$604,880,000 for operations and maintenance activities, including \$76,729,000 in program increases. The conferees include \$6,800,000 for headquarters operations. The conferees direct the Department to prioritize requested funding increases, and to specifically identify amounts above current services in a comprehensive spending plan to be submitted no later than 60 days after enactment of this Act.

Assets Management.—The conference agreement designates \$100,049,000 in assets management funds planned for obligation in fiscal year 2005, of which \$25,000,000 is for buyout of uneconomic leases. Any use of assets management funds in fiscal year 2005 is subject to reprogramming, as stated in the Senate report.

The conferees expect the Department to submit to the Committees any waiver or waivers signed by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 606(a)(2) and section 606(a)(3) of the Secure Embassy Construction and Counterterrorism Act of 1999 (Public Law 106–113) within five days of the Secretary’s signature of such a waiver or waivers.

The conference agreement adopts language in the House report concerning reprogramming requirements.

EMERGENCIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR SERVICE

The conference agreement includes \$1,000,000 under this heading, instead of \$7,000,000 as proposed by the House, and instead of \$1,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement anticipates that significant carryover balances from fiscal year 2004 will be available for obligation in fiscal year 2005. Within prior year unobligated balances, the conferees expect that \$2,000,000 will be transferred to the Special Court for Sierra Leone, as proposed by the Senate.

REPATRIATION LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The conference agreement includes \$612,000 for the subsidy cost of repatriation loans and \$607,000 for administrative costs of the program as proposed by both the House and Senate.

PAYMENT TO THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN

The conference agreement includes \$19,482,000 under this heading as proposed by both the House and Senate. The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the House report regarding the submission of a fiscal year 2005 spending plan, except that such plan shall be submitted by February 28, 2005.

PAYMENT TO THE FOREIGN SERVICE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY FUND

The conference agreement includes \$132,600,000 under this heading, as proposed by both the House and the Senate.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The conference agreement includes \$1,182,000,000 under this heading, instead of \$1,194,210,000 as proposed by the House, and \$1,020,830,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the House report regarding offset of exchange rate losses, reassessment of U.S. membership in certain international organizations, reform and budget discipline, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Pan American Health Organization, and the costs of a direct loan to the United Nations for the cost of renovating its headquarters in New York. The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the Senate report regarding the International Coffee Organization, the International Copper Study Group, and the International Rubber Study Group.

The conference agreement includes language requiring the Secretary to transmit the most recent biennial budget for the operations of the UN. The conference agreement includes language, as in fiscal year 2004, providing that funds within the Diplomatic and Consular programs account may be used for a United States Government interagency task force to examine, coordinate, and oversee United States participation in the United Nations headquarters renovation project. The conferees direct the task force to coordinate

its efforts with OBO and to consult with senior OBO officials in formulating its recommendations.

The conferees note the role of the UN in fighting diseases, providing humanitarian assistance, fostering conflict resolution, and providing an international forum for world issues. However, the conferees are concerned by recent developments in a number of areas. The conferees note that the United Nations Oil-for-Food program in Iraq is marred by allegations of corruption and that it aided or abetted a tyrannical regime and undermined the international community's good will. Further, the conferees urge the UN to do more to mitigate or resolve the conflicts and humanitarian crises in Sudan, where war has ravaged the country for decades at the cost of millions of lives. Finally, the United Nations' leadership and legitimacy are tarnished by continued failure to bring to justice those individuals involved in improper and illegal activities.

United Nations Oil-For-Food Program.—The conferees direct the Department to bring all necessary resources to bear on the investigation of fraud and bribery allegations regarding the United Nations Oil-For-Food Program. The conferees expect the Department to provide all requested documentation to the U.S. Congress, and to provide any requested support to the Secretary General's Independent Inquiry Committee. The conferees strongly support the Inquiry and expect the Inquiry Committee's review to be thorough, rigorous, and expeditious. The conferees expect the Department to use the voice and vote of the United States to ensure the Inquiry be conducted in this manner.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES

The conference agreement includes a total funding level of \$490,000,000 for payments for Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities, instead of \$650,000,000 as proposed by the House, and \$574,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conferees remain concerned that the United States has voted in the United Nations Security Council to establish five new or expanded peacekeeping missions (Haiti, Burundi, Liberia, Cyprus, and Ivory Coast) without presenting the Committees on Appropriations with a viable plan to meet the current and future costs of such commitments. All but the Cyprus mission were approved by the Security Council and are underway and incurring costs. The Secretary of State testified that in such instances the Administration would request supplemental appropriations to cover these costs. The conferees expect that such a supplemental appropriation request will provide for the full UN peacekeeping assessments.

The conference agreement includes language, as proposed by the Senate, regarding the adjustment of the rate at which the United States pays for the cost of United Nations peacekeeping missions.

The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the House report regarding UN peacekeeping in the Western Sahara; UN peacekeeping reform; benchmarks for mission performance and termination; UN peacekeeping in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; and the Office of Internal Oversight Services. The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the Senate report regarding peacekeeping reports. The allocation of funds

under this account to specific missions shall be subject to the reprogramming requirements in section 605 of this Act.

The conferees support the work of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, and expect the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone to provide support, as necessary, to the Court. The conferees urge the Department to work with the Court and other nations to ensure the expeditious prosecution of indicted persons.

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONS

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

The conference agreement includes a total of \$32,554,000 for the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico (IBWC). The total amount provided includes \$27,244,000 for Salaries and Expenses and \$5,310,000 for Construction. The conference agreement includes language authorizing not to exceed \$6,000 for representation expenses.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement for the Salaries and Expenses account includes \$27,244,000, instead of \$26,800,000 as proposed by the House and \$27,689,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the House report regarding the use of surplus operations and maintenance funding through reprogramming.

CONSTRUCTION

The conference agreement includes \$5,310,000 in new direct appropriations under this heading, instead of \$4,475,000 as proposed by the House and \$6,146,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes \$1,750,000 for the Rio Grande Canalization Project and \$1,000,000 for the Lower Rio Grande Flood Project/Levee Rehabilitation.

The conferees encourage the IBWC to attempt, if possible, to achieve greater secondary treatment of Mexican sewage within current funding levels under this account. Any plan that assumes a significant increase in appropriations under this heading in future years is not feasible given resource restraints and competing priorities.

Any additional obligations under this heading within the total spending level cited above, including any new project starts, shall be subject to the reprogramming process described in section 605 of this Act.

AMERICAN SECTIONS, INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONS

The conference agreement includes a total of \$9,594,000 under this heading, instead of \$9,356,000 as proposed by the House, and \$10,546,000 as proposed by the Senate. This amount includes \$1,248,000 for the International Boundary Commission; \$6,298,000 for the International Joint Commission, including \$200,000 for efforts concerning the Red River Basin, and \$1,019,000 for the fifth and final year of the water regulation plan governing Lake Ontario

and the St. Lawrence River; and \$2,049,000 for the Border Environment Cooperation Commission.

INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES COMMISSIONS

The conference agreement includes \$21,982,000 under this heading, the same amount as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$19,097,000 as proposed by the House. The conference agreement includes \$3,000,000 for the Pacific Salmon Commission, \$2,100,000 for the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, \$1,800,000 for the International Pacific Halibut Commission, \$177,000 for the North Pacific Marine Science Organization, and \$12,964,000 for the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, of which not less than \$845,000 is for lampricide in Lake Champlain. House language regarding Asian Carp is included by reference. The conferees expect the Department to allocate the balance of funds in the conference agreement, and, through the regular reprogramming process, any additional funds that may become available, to priority commissions.

The conferees expect the Department to take immediate action to evaluate and prioritize United States participation in, and funding for, international fisheries commissions. In a climate of limited resources the conferees continue to insist that the Department operate within appropriated amounts, prioritize as necessary among commissions according to policy goals, take steps as necessary to withdraw from lower priority commissions, and refrain from entering into new commitments.

OTHER

PAYMENT TO THE ASIA FOUNDATION

The conference agreement includes \$13,000,000 under this heading, the same amount as proposed by the House. No funding was proposed by the Senate.

CENTER FOR MIDDLE EASTERN-WESTERN DIALOGUE

The conference agreement includes \$7,000,000 under this heading to be deposited in the International Center for Middle Eastern-Western Dialogue Trust for the perpetual operations of the Center in Istanbul, Turkey. Of the amounts provided \$250,000 is for the steering committee, chaired by the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), for the operations of the Center.

EISENHOWER EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The conference agreement includes an appropriation for fiscal year 2005 of interest and earnings from the Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship Program Trust Fund, expected to total \$500,000. The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the House report regarding geographical priorities and the selection of fellows.

ISRAELI ARAB SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The conference agreement includes an appropriation for fiscal year 2005 of interest and earnings of the Israeli Arab Scholarship Endowment Fund, expected to total \$375,000.

EAST-WEST CENTER

The conference agreement includes \$19,500,000 under this heading, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$5,000,000 as proposed by the House.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR DEMOCRACY

The conference agreement includes \$60,000,000 for the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), instead of \$40,579,000 as proposed by the House and \$50,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conferees strongly encourage both the NED and the four core institutes to focus available funding on the Middle East region, continuing work on electoral processes and political party development. The conferees commend the institutes for their contribution to the recent presidential election in Afghanistan and support similar work in future parliamentary elections.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, House report language reaffirming NED's duty to ensure that all sponsored activities adhere to core NED principles and requiring a report on NED activities in Venezuela.

The conference agreement includes \$1,000,000 for a grant to support the creation of the Fern L. Holland Democracy Institute in Africa, as outlined in the House report. The conferees remain concerned that there is a lack of effectiveness and cohesion among the groups advocating for awareness and action on behalf of the victims of human rights abuses and the persecuted. The conferees provide \$500,000 to be made available for programs designed specifically to promote basic human rights of ethnic minorities, including their right to maintain and exercise their culture, religion, and language, free from discrimination.

RELATED AGENCY

BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING OPERATIONS

The conference agreement includes \$591,000,000 to carry out United States International Broadcasting Operations for fiscal year 2005, instead of \$601,740,000 as proposed by the House and \$552,240,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes \$64,969,000 for efforts to provide people of Arab and Muslim countries with accurate information about U.S. policies and values. The conferees provided initial start-up costs for a television program stream specifically tailored for the Iraqi audience in Public Law 108-106. The conferees expect the Broadcasting Board of Governors to provide quarterly status reports detailing the efforts to develop quality news and entertainment programs for the Arab and Muslim world.

The conference agreement adopts, by reference, House language regarding broadcasting to Africa, language service reviews and research, and anti-jamming efforts.

The conferees remain concerned about a potential blurring of the distinction between the international broadcasting conducted by the Broadcasting Board of Governors and that conducted by the

Defense Department. While the conferees continue to strongly support all necessary efforts to provide for national security, close collaboration with the Defense Department may foster misunderstanding among foreign audiences as to the principles and goals of BBG broadcasting. The BBG shall continue to notify the Committees in writing of any projects or programs to be undertaken with the Defense Department within 7 days of the beginning of such activities. The report should include a description of services provided and any financial arrangements between the entities.

Security of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Headquarters.— During fiscal year 2004, the RFE/RL was directed to work with the Department of State's Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations to develop a comprehensive site and cost assessment for relocation of the RFE/RL headquarters in Prague, the Czech Republic. The conferees are concerned that RFE/RL has informed the Committees on Appropriations that RFE/RL intends to sign a pre-lease contract. The conferees believe it would be premature for BBG and RFE/RL to proceed without a thorough explanation as to how specific relocation costs, as outlined in the report, will be absorbed in future years. The conferees direct BBG and RFE/RL to compile and submit a strategic funding plan for the intended relocation process no later than February 1, 2005. Until the long-term maintenance cost of a new building has been contemplated and endorsed by the BBG, no additional funds shall be provided to secure a site for relocation. The conferees expect funding decisions on the relocation to occur expeditiously given the expressed concern for the security of employees of RFE/RL.

The conferees direct the BBG to report on Al Hurra's coverage, audience, reception, and public response in the Arabic-speaking world. The report shall include the findings of an independent and validated public opinion poll.

The conference agreement includes language designating \$27,629,000 for Broadcasting to Cuba.

The conferees continue to support Radio Free Asia's broadcasting efforts in China, Tibet, Burma, Vietnam, North Korea, Laos, and Cambodia and VOA's efforts in North Korea. The conference agreement includes funding to continue daily Uyghur broadcasts.

The conferees expect the BBG to provide a spending plan to the Committees on Appropriations by no later than April 11, 2005.

BROADCASTING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The conference agreement includes \$8,560,000 for broadcasting capital improvements, as proposed by both the House and Senate.

The conferees expect the Board to keep the Committees on Appropriations informed on the status of its efforts to acquire additional transmission capabilities in the Middle East, including Egypt.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND RELATED AGENCY

The conference agreement includes section 401, permitting the use of funds for allowances, differentials and transportation.

The conference agreement includes section 402 dealing with transfer authority.

The conference agreement includes section 403 prohibiting the use of funds by the Department of State or the Broadcasting Board of Governors to provide certain assistance to the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation.

The conference agreement includes section 404 clarifying the responsibilities of the Senior Policy Operating Group on Trafficking in Persons. The conferees understand that the Operating Group has been actively meeting and performing its designated functions since enactment of Section 406 of division B of Public Law 108-7. The conferees agree that all anti-trafficking policies, grants and grant policies shall be covered by the provisions of Section 406 of division B of Public Law 108-7. The conference agreement also includes language clarifying that the Senior Policy Operating Group and its chairman are the coordinating body (and official) accountable for Federal anti-trafficking policies, grants and grant policies. The language also makes clear that the coordinating responsibilities of the Operating Group are not intended to supercede the decision making authority of the constituent members of the Task Force to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, to whom Operating Group members continue to report. The Operating Group is, and was intended to serve as, the forum for interagency coordination of anti-trafficking policies, even as final decisions regarding any such policies are necessarily vested with the President and the senior officials who comprise the Task Force. The conferees agree that the Senior Operating Group and its chair have successfully performed the coordinating functions assigned to them.

The conference agreement includes section 405 concerning the Department's counterterrorism rewards program.

The conference agreement includes section 406 regarding the recording of place of birth on certain passport applications.

The conference agreement includes section 407 requiring the provision of certain information to the Committees on Appropriations.

The conference agreement includes section 408 establishing and describing the functions of the Office of the Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization.

The conference agreement includes section 409 requiring the Secretary of State to review staffing at all overseas posts.

The conference agreement includes section 410 waiving certain authorization requirements.

The conference agreement includes section 411 adjusting the United States assessments for the United Nations Peacekeeping Missions.

The conference agreement includes section 412 updating and conforming the Senior Foreign Service pay system.

The conference agreement includes section 413 clarifying the Department's authority to enter into settlements of claims.

TITLE V—RELATED AGENCIES

ANTITRUST MODERNIZATION COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$1,187,000 for the Anti-trust Modernization Commission, instead of \$1,200,000 as proposed by the House. The Senate did not fund this Commission.

COMMISSION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AMERICA'S HERITAGE
ABROAD

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$499,000 for the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad as proposed by the House, instead of \$491,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement will allow the Commission to fund its administrative expenses through appropriated funds while relying on other sources of funding for actual purchase and restoration of property.

The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the House report under this heading.

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$9,096,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Commission on Civil Rights, as proposed by both the House and Senate.

The conferees recommend language as included in previous years, which provides: (1) \$50,000 to employ consultants; (2) a limitation of four full-time positions under schedule C of the Excepted Service, exclusive of one special assistant for each Commissioner; and (3) a prohibition against reimbursing Commissioners for more than 75 billable days, with the exception of the chairperson, who is permitted 125 billable days.

COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$3,000,000 for the Commission on International Religious Freedom, as proposed by the House. The Senate did not provide funding for this Commission. The conference agreement includes language providing authority for the Commission to procure temporary services for a study on the right to freedom of religion in North Korea.

The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the House report under this heading.

COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$1,831,000 for the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe as proposed by the House, instead of \$1,598,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the House report under this heading.

CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$1,900,000 for the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China as proposed by the House, instead of \$1,781,000 as proposed by the Senate. The amount provided includes \$100,000 for the Political Prisoner Database as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the House report under this heading.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$331,228,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) for fiscal year 2005, instead of \$334,944,000 as proposed by the House and \$327,511,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement adopts the House report language regarding the Alternative Dispute Resolution program, litigation support and outreach, and the New Freedom Initiative to remove barriers faced by people with disabilities. The conference agreement includes language regarding staffing levels in the field.

The conference agreement includes language prohibiting the Commission from taking further action to implement workforce repositioning, restructuring, or reorganization unless the Committees on Appropriations have been notified in advance of such proposals, in accordance with the reprogramming procedures under section 605 of this Act. In this regard, the conference agreement includes the House report language regarding a spending plan. The conference agreement also adopts the House report language regarding the submission of quarterly status reports on projected and actual spending levels, by function, for repositioning, and the continued submission of quarterly reports on agency spending and staffing levels.

The conferees again encourage the EEOC to use the experience the Fair Employment Practices Agencies (FEPAs) have in mediation as the Commission continues to expand its Alternative Dispute Resolution programs. The conference agreement also includes language similar to that included in previous Appropriations Acts allowing non-monetary awards to private citizens. Finally, the conference agreement provides up to \$2,500 for official reception and representation expenses.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$281,098,000 for the salaries and expenses of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for fiscal year 2005, instead of \$279,851,000 as proposed by the House and \$282,346,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the amounts provided, \$280,098,000 is to be derived from offsetting fee collections, resulting in a net direct appropriation of \$1,000,000.

The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the House report regarding travel payments and public notice requirements for broadcast applications. The conference agreement includes, by reference, language included in the Senate report on broadcast television standards.

The conference agreement allows the FCC to spend up to \$85,000,000 to administer the spectrum auctions program. The conference agreement incorporates, by reference, House report language regarding the FCC's accounting system.

The conferees are aware that members of the armed services and their families make extensive use of prepaid phone cards to stay in contact. The FCC is considering subjecting these cards to increased regulation. The conferees direct the FCC not to take any action that would directly or indirectly have the effect of raising the rates charged to military personnel or their families for telephone calls placed using prepaid phone cards.

Within amounts provided for on-going life cycle replacement of technical equipment in fiscal year 2005, the conferees encourage the FCC to follow through on its plan to modernize its Radio Frequency Radiation monitoring equipment by purchasing Selective Radiation Meter (SRM) units and anticipates that future budget requests will address replacement of outdated equipment.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$205,430,000 for the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), instead of \$203,430,000 as proposed by the House and \$207,730,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the amounts provided, \$101,000,000 is derived from Hart-Scott-Rodino premerger filing fees, \$21,901,000 is derived from Do-Not-Call fees, and \$82,529,000 is derived from discretionary appropriations. The amount provided fully supports the budget request.

The conference agreement adopts by reference the Senate report language concerning the exposure of children to violent entertainment and on the Do-Not-Call program. The conference agreement also adopts by reference the Senate report language requiring a report on illegal pressure tactics applied to American fishermen who oppose mandatory country of origin labeling for seafood.

The conference agreement continues language that was included in the fiscal year 2004 bill regarding enforcement of certain provisions of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

HELP COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$1,000,000 for necessary expenses of the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) Around the Globe Commission.

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

PAYMENT TO THE LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

The conference agreement includes \$335,282,000 for the payment to the Legal Services Corporation, as proposed by the House, instead of \$335,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes \$1,833,000 to offset funding losses that have resulted from recent census-based reallocations. In addition to the amounts provided through the formula-based field grant program, the conferees direct LSC to distribute the additional \$1,833,000 to the ten states that suffered the greatest losses from the census reallocation, in order to restore them to the funding level they would have received under the Senate bill.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION

The conference agreement includes bill language to continue the terms and conditions included under this section in previous Appropriations Acts.

MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$1,890,000 for the necessary expenses of the Marine Mammal Commission, as proposed by both the House and Senate.

NATIONAL VETERANS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The conference agreement includes \$2,000,000 for the National Veterans Business Development Corporation as proposed by the House and the Senate. The conference report includes, by reference, House report language encouraging the Corporation to make its operations self-sustaining.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$913,000,000 for the Securities and Exchange Commission, as proposed by the House and Senate.

Staffing.—In fiscal year 2003, the Commission received funding for 840 new positions to protect investors and implement the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. The conferees understand that the Commission has had difficulty hiring accountants and examiners and direct the Commission to continue to work to fill all of the previously funded 840 positions as well as the 106 newly funded positions as quickly as possible and to provide the Committees on Appropria-

tions with quarterly staffing reports. By April 15, 2005, the SEC shall report to the Committees on any proposals, including legislative changes, that may further the SEC's ability to hire to authorized levels and to retain quality employees.

The conference agreement adopts by reference the Senate report language concerning pay parity, enforcement, and information technology. The conference agreement adopts by reference the Senate report language requiring a monthly report to the Senate Appropriations Committee listing the exercise of stock options by corporate officers and directors. The conference agreement includes language requiring a report to the Senate Appropriations Committee justifying the recent rule that directors of mutual funds be independent.

Within 90 days of enactment of this Act, the SEC shall provide a report to the Senate Appropriations Committee analyzing the impact upon individual and institutional investors and competing securities markets of the so-called "trade through" provisions of the proposed SEC Regulation New Market Structure (NMS). In formulating its report, the SEC should examine whether and how the adoption of the "trade through" provisions would affect investors' ability to select the market where their securities trades will be carried out. The report shall also examine the interaction of automated and non-automated orders under Regulation NMS and the impact this would have on individual and institutional investors.

The conferees are pleased that the SEC has recently established an Office of Global Security Risk within the Division of Corporation Finance. The SEC should inform the investment community of the existence and relevance of the new Office through the following actions: (1) announce the establishment of the Office on the SEC website; (2) issue a press release or send a letter to leading U.S. investment community members alerting them to the establishment of the Office; (3) convene a conference to address the various dimensions of global security risk and appropriate ways that the investment community might respond to it; and (4) establish an effective global security risk disclosure process. The conferees expect the SEC to continue to provide quarterly reports on the Office's activities.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The conference agreement provides a total of \$579,516,000 for the five appropriations accounts of the Small Business Administration (SBA). Detailed guidance for the five SBA appropriation accounts is contained in the following paragraphs.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$322,335,000 for the salaries and expenses account of the SBA instead of \$315,362,000 as proposed by the House and \$357,684,000 as proposed by the Senate. Of the amount provided under this heading, \$186,772,000 is for operating expenses of the SBA. In addition, a total of \$134,903,000 from other SBA accounts may be transferred to and merged with the salaries and expenses account resulting in a total availability of \$321,675,000. The additional amount consists of

\$126,653,000 from the Business Loans Program account and \$8,250,000 from the Disaster Loans Program account for the administrative expenses related to those accounts.

The conference agreement includes the full amount requested for Low Documentation Processing Centers and the conferees expect the SBA to continue to help small businesses adapt to a paperless procurement environment.

The conferees adopt by reference the House report language concerning the loan monitoring system. The conferees adopt by reference the requirement to provide a report on the e-gov program and the agency's efforts to increase efficiency and improve customer service.

Non-Credit Programs.—The conference agreement includes the following for the non-credit programs of the SBA:

National Ombudsman	\$500,000
Advocacy Research	1,100,000
Veterans Programs	750,000
7(j) Technical Assistance Programs	1,500,000
Small Business Development Centers	89,000,000
SCORE	5,000,000
Women's Business Centers	12,500,000
Women's Business Council	750,000
Native American Outreach	1,000,000
Drug-free Workplace Program	1,000,000
Microloan Technical Assistance	14,000,000
PRIME Technical Assistance	5,000,000
HUBZones	1,979,000
US Export Assistance	1,484,000

Total, non-credit programs	135,563,000
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The SBA shall not reduce these non-credit programs to fund operating costs. The conferees adopt by reference the House and Senate report language regarding Native American Outreach. The conferees adopt by reference the Senate report language regarding the Small Disadvantaged Business Program. The conferees adopt by reference the House and Senate report language regarding Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs), including the House direction to work with the manufacturing sector and continue to support the defense transition program at no less than the fiscal year 2004 level. The conferees adopt by reference the Senate report language concerning HUBZones.

Of the amounts provided for the SBDC program, \$500,000 shall be available for the South Carolina Women's Business Center (WBC).

The conference agreement includes language allowing WBCs in sustainability status to continue to receive grants and designates 48 percent of the total WBC funding for centers in sustainability status.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The conference agreement includes \$13,014,000 for the Office of Inspector General of the Small Business Administration as proposed by the Senate instead of \$14,500,000 as proposed by the House. The conference agreement includes language allowing \$500,000 to be transferred to this account from the Disaster Loans Program for oversight costs related to that program. The conferees

adopt by reference the Senate report language regarding reorganization.

SURETY BOND GUARANTEES REVOLVING FUND

The conference agreement includes \$2,900,000 under this account, instead of \$11,400,000 as provided by the Senate and \$9,900,000 as provided by the House.

BUSINESS LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The conference agreement includes \$128,108,000 under this account, consisting of \$1,455,000 for subsidies for direct business loans and \$126,653,000 for administrative expenses related to business loan programs. The amount provided for administrative expenses may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for SBA salaries and expenses to cover the common overhead expenses associated with business loans. The conferees agree that, in the event of an economic downturn, the policy of zero subsidy for the 7(a) program shall be revisited.

DISASTER LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

The conference agreement includes \$113,159,000 for the Disaster Loans Program Account, instead of \$195,887,000 as proposed by the House and \$178,909,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement includes no new budget authority for the subsidy costs of disaster loans but includes \$113,159,000 for administrative expenses of the disaster loan program.

Within the \$113,159,000 provided for administrative expenses, \$500,000 is available for the Office of Inspector General, \$104,409,000 is available for direct administrative expenses of loan making and servicing, and \$8,250,000 is available to be transferred to the Salaries and Expenses account for indirect costs of the program.

The conferees understand that the emergency appropriations provided in response to natural disasters at the end of fiscal year 2004 may exceed the actual need for loans to affected businesses and individuals. The conferees expect that the surplus of subsidy budget authority from emergency appropriations will be sufficient to cover an average annual loan program level. For this reason, the conference agreement does not provide an additional subsidy appropriation for fiscal year 2005. The conferees expect the SBA to continue to request regular discretionary appropriations to cover an average annual disaster loan program level in future budget requests. The conferees request that the SBA provide a monthly status report on disaster loan activity to the Committees on Appropriations.

By April 15, 2005, the SBA should also provide to the Committees on Appropriations a report describing various methodologies for calculating annual estimates of disaster loan volume. The report should explain the current rolling historical average methodology and also present other reasonable options to determine requirements in light of the recent years of low disaster activity. In addition, the report should include information on various meth-

odologies to project loan volume once a disaster declaration has occurred.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISION—SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The conference agreement includes bill language allowing transfers between accounts.

STATE JUSTICE INSTITUTE

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement provides \$2,613,000 for the State Justice Institute (SJI), instead of \$2,227,000 as proposed by the House and \$3,000,000 as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement incorporates by reference the House report language regarding the Office of Justice Programs and sources of non-Federal funding.

UNITED STATES-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW
COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$3,000,000 as proposed by the House for the necessary expenses of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission, instead of \$2,300,000 as proposed by the Senate. This level includes not more than \$5,000 for the purpose of official representation. The conference agreement includes language making funding available until expended, as proposed by the Senate. The conference agreement also includes \$1,000,000 for the expansion of the Commission's research programs and enhanced outreach efforts, as proposed by the House.

The conference agreement incorporates, by reference, the Senate report language directing the Commission to conduct certain research and provide a report no later than May 1, 2005.

UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE

OPERATING EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes \$23,000,000 for the United States Institute of Peace. Within the amounts provided, including prior year funding, the Institute may use such funds as necessary for advance architectural work and planning related to a new headquarters facility.

In addition, the conferees direct the Institute to create a task force to study the United Nations' efforts to meet the goals of its charter as signed in June of 1945. This study should address obstacles to achieving such goals, especially the goal of maintaining international peace and security and the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms. The conferees are deeply troubled by the inaction of the United Nations on many fronts, especially in regard to the genocide in Darfur, Sudan, and the allegations of corruption regarding the United Nations Oil-For-Food program. The task force should consist of experts from the following public policy forums: American Enterprise Institute, Brookings Institution, Council on Foreign Re-

lations, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Hoover Institution, and Heritage Foundation. The conferees anticipate the task force would not include more than 12 members. The conferees expect the results of the study to be presented to the Committees on Appropriations within 180 days of the enactment of this Act.

UNITED STATES SENATE-CHINA INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

The conference agreement includes an appropriation of \$100,000 for the salaries and expenses of the United States Senate-China Interparliamentary Group as proposed by the Senate. Funding for the Interparliamentary Group was not included in the House bill.

TITLE VI—GENERAL PROVISIONS

(INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

The conference agreement includes the following General Provisions:

Sec. 601. The conference agreement includes section 601 regarding the use of appropriations for publicity and propaganda purposes.

Sec. 602. The conference agreement includes section 602 regarding the availability of appropriations for obligation beyond the current fiscal year.

Sec. 603. The conference agreement includes section 603 regarding the use of funds for consulting purposes.

Sec. 604. The conference agreement includes section 604 providing that should any provision of the Act be held to be invalid, the remainder of the Act would not be affected.

Sec. 605. The conference agreement includes section 605 regarding the policy by which funding available to the agencies funded under this Act may be reprogrammed for other purposes.

Sec. 606. The conference agreement includes section 606 regarding the construction, repair, or modification of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration vessels in overseas shipyards.

Sec. 607. The conference agreement includes section 607 prohibiting funds in the bill from being used to implement, administer, or enforce any guidelines of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) similar to proposed guidelines covering harassment based on religion published by the EEOC in October 1993.

Sec. 608. The conference agreement includes section 608 regarding the purchase of American made products.

Sec. 609. The conference agreement includes section 609 prohibiting the use of funds for any United Nations peacekeeping mission that involves U.S. Armed Forces under the command or operational control of a foreign national unless the President certifies that the involvement is in the national security interest.

Sec. 610. The conference agreement includes section 610 that requires agencies to provide quarterly reports to the Committees on Appropriations regarding unobligated balances.

Sec. 611. The conference agreement includes section 611 that prohibits use of funds to expand the U.S. diplomatic presence in Vietnam beyond the level in effect July 11, 1995, unless the President makes a certification that several conditions have been met regarding Vietnam's cooperation with the United States on POW/MIA issues.

Sec. 612. The conference agreement includes section 612 requiring agencies and departments funded in this Act to absorb any necessary costs related to downsizing or consolidation within the amounts provided to the agency or department.

Sec. 613. The conference agreement includes section 613 regarding the sale or export of tobacco or tobacco products.

Sec. 614. The conference agreement includes section 614 extending the prohibition on the use of funds to issue a visa to any alien involved in extrajudicial and political killings in Haiti, including exemption and reporting requirements.

Sec. 615. The conference agreement includes section 615 that prohibits a user fee from being charged for background checks conducted pursuant to the Brady Handgun Control Act of 1993, and prohibits implementation of a background check system which does not require or result in destruction of certain information.

Sec. 616. The conference agreement includes section 616 regarding amounts available under the Crime Victims Fund.

Sec. 617. The conference agreement includes section 617 prohibiting the use of Department of Justice funds for programs that discriminate against, denigrate, or otherwise undermine the religious beliefs of students participating in such programs.

Sec. 618. The conference agreement includes section 618 prohibiting the use of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the Department of State to process visas for citizens of countries that the Secretary of Homeland Security has determined deny or delay accepting the return of deported citizens.

Sec. 619. The conference agreement includes section 619 providing additional amounts for the Small Business Administration.

Sec. 620. The conference agreement includes section 620 regarding the Small Business Administration Disaster Loans Program.

Sec. 621. The conference agreement includes section 621 regarding transfers of funds.

Sec. 622. The conference agreement includes section 622 regarding the implementation of telecommuting programs.

Sec. 623. The conference agreement includes section 623 regarding the negotiation or reevaluation of international agreements.

Sec. 624. The conference agreement includes section 624 regarding firearms tracing studies.

Sec. 625. The conference agreement includes section 625 regarding international child abduction.

Sec. 626. The conference agreement includes section 626 regarding patents.

Sec. 627. The conference agreement includes section 627 regarding the United Nations.

Sec. 628. The conference agreement includes section 628 that requires the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of State to jointly submit a report.

Sec. 629. The conference agreement includes section 629 regarding Capital Security Cost Sharing.

Sec. 630. The conference agreement includes section 630 regarding Capital Security Cost Sharing.

Sec. 631. The conference agreement includes section 631 requiring that the Secretary of State make a determination on recent events and support the investigation and prosecution of war crimes and crimes against humanity in the Darfur Region of Sudan.

Sec. 632. The conference agreement includes section 632 that prohibits the use of funds to support or justify the use of torture.

Sec. 633. The conference agreement includes section 633 that addresses the Drug Enforcement Administration's diversion control program.

Sec. 634. The conference agreement includes section 634 prohibiting the use of funds to change rules governing the Universal Service Fund.

Sec. 635. The conference agreement includes section 635 concerning certain unobligated balances.

Sec. 636. The conference agreement includes section 636 regarding the National Veterans Business Development Corporation.

Sec. 637. The conference agreement includes section 637 regarding Capital Security Cost Sharing.

Sec. 638. The conference agreement includes section 638 regarding Federal Communications Commission properties.

Sec. 639. The conference agreement includes section 639 prohibiting certain uses of funds.

Sec. 640. The conference agreement includes section 640 regarding amounts provided in this Act.

TITLE VII—RESCISSIONS

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

(RESCISSION)

The conference agreement includes a rescission of \$60,000,000 from unobligated balances in this account. The Senate proposed a \$44,000,000 rescission for this account under Title VI.

LEGAL ACTIVITIES

ASSET FORFEITURE FUND

(RESCISSION)

The conference agreement includes a rescission of \$61,800,000 from unobligated balances in this account. The Senate proposed a \$30,000,000 rescission for this account under Title VI.

JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

(RESCISSION)

The conference agreement includes a rescission of \$1,619,000 from this account. These balances result from deobligations of prior year grant funding. Amounts available for the Missing Children's Program, the National White Collar Crime Center and Regional Information Sharing System shall not be rescinded.

STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

(RESCISSION)

The conference agreement includes a rescission of \$29,380,000 from unobligated balances in this account, instead of \$20,000,000 as proposed by the House. These balances result from deobligations of prior year grant funding. Amounts available for Tribal Courts and Indian Prison Construction shall not be rescinded.

COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES

(RESCISSION)

The conference agreement includes a rescission of \$99,000,000 from unobligated balances in this account, instead of \$61,000,000 as proposed by the House. These balances result from deobligations of prior year grant funding.

JUVENILE JUSTICE

(RESCISSION)

The conference agreement includes a rescission of \$3,500,000 from unobligated balances in this account. These balances result from deobligations of prior year grant funding. Amounts available for Tribal Youth and Alcohol Prevention shall not be rescinded.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

(RESCISSION)

The conference agreement includes a rescission of \$3,900,000 from unobligated balances in this account. These balances are prior year Advanced Technology Program funds.

RELATED AGENCIES

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(RESCISSION)

The conference agreement includes a rescission of \$12,000,000 from unobligated balances under this heading. The conferees agree that this rescission represents an amount available from prior year excess fee collections.

TITLE VIII—PATENT AND TRADEMARK FEES

The conference agreement includes language regarding patent and trademark fees.

TITLE IX—OCEANS AND HUMAN HEALTH ACT

The conference agreement includes language regarding the oceans and human health.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 2005 recommended by the Committee of Conference, with comparisons to the fiscal year 2004 amount, the 2005 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 2005 follow:

[In thousands of dollars]	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2004	\$42,242,023
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2005	43,216,594
House bill, fiscal year 2005	43,483,066
Senate bill, fiscal year 2005	43,467,214
Conference agreement, fiscal year 2005	43,681,207
Conference agreement compared with:	
New budget (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2004	+1,439,184
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2005	+464,613
House bill, fiscal year 2005	+198,141
Senate bill, fiscal year 2005	+213,993

DIVISION C—ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2005

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE—CIVIL

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

CORPS OF ENGINEERS—CIVIL

The summary tables at the end of this title set forth the conference agreement with respect to the individual appropriations, programs and activities of the Corps of Engineers. Additional items of the conference agreement are discussed below. House report 108–554 is presumed to have effect unless contradicted by this statement of the managers.

CONTINUING CONTRACTS AND REPROGRAMMING

Construction of a single water resource project requires tremendous flexibility. Water resource projects are constructed in physically challenging locations. By their nature, these projects involve large mobilization costs and great uncertainties. The Corps of Engineers has been tasked with providing hundreds of water infrastructure projects in challenging locations throughout the country. Historically, the Corps has done an outstanding job of managing these great water resource projects and has provided the water infrastructure that has greatly contributed to our economic security.

The conferees recognize that one of the greatest tools that the Corps of Engineers has for managing its nationwide water resources infrastructure program is the ability to award multiyear