

**BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS, AND EXPLOSIVES**

(Dollars in thousands)

	Perm. Pos.	FTE	Amount
2002 Obligations 1/.....	4,599	4,354	\$771,917
2003 President's Budget Request 1/.....	4,723	4,562	800,775
Adjustments to Base			
Transfer from the Department of the Treasury annual costs.....	...	35	10,000
Increases (see p. 30).....	...	...	23,425
2004 Current Services.....	4,723	4,597	834,200
Program improvements (see details below).....	206	103	23,000
Program offsets (see details below).....	...	...	-5,213
2004 Request 2/.....	4,929	4,700	851,987

Comparison by activity and program	2003 President's Budget Request1/			2004 Current Services			2004 Request			Program Improvements		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Reduce Violent Crime.....	4,340	4,192	\$734,812	4,340	4,225	\$766,629	4,458	4,284	\$782,975	118	59	\$16,346
Protect the Public.....	383	370	65,963	383	372	67,571	471	416	69,012	88	44	1,441
Total.....	4,723	4,562	800,775	4,723	4,597	834,200	4,929	4,700	851,987	206	103	17,787
Reimbursable FTE	...	85	...	...	72	...	...	72	...	...	...	...
Grand Total.....	4,723	4,647	800,775	4,723	4,669	834,200	4,929	4,772	851,987	206	103	17,787

1/ These entries represent most recent estimates of FY 2002 obligations and FY 2003 amounts anticipated to be transferred to Justice, and differ slightly from data presented in the President's Budget

Appendix. For presentation and comparison purposes, the FY 2002 and FY 2003 obligations have each been reduced by \$3,000,000 for the Narrowband Communications transfer.

2/ In addition reimbursable resources of \$825,000 will be provided from ICDE appropriations in 2004.

**Program Improvements**

	Pos.	FTE	Amount
Safe Explosives Act Implementation.....	88	44	\$10,000
<p>The Homeland Security Act of 2002 mandated a series of changes in in the issuance of licenses and permits for use, purchase and handling of explosives, including a requirement for fingerprinting and conducting background investigations on all applicants. The requested resources will be used by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) to implement these provisions and to establish the National Explosives Licensing Center (NELC) in an existing ATF facility in Martinsburg, West Virginia.</p>			
Youth Gun Crime Interdiction Initiative.....	118	59	13,000
<p>Begun as a pilot program in 17 cities in 1996, the Youth Crime Gun Interdiction Initiative (YCGII) is a model partnership between ATF and local law enforcement designed to reduce firearms violence by investigating illegal trafficking to youth. The resources requested will be used to expand this program to 10 additional cities, for a total of 70 cities participating in the program.</p>			
Crosscutting Efficiencies.....	...	...	-5,213
<p>The Department continues to evaluate its programs and operations with the goal of achieving across-the-board economies of scale that result in increased efficiencies, reduced duplication of effort, and cost savings. The crosscutting savings identified are the result of the consolidation of facilities management, including field space, the centralization of procurement for relocation services, outsourcing of fleet contracts and maintenance on vehicles, and improved deployment of human resource personnel.</p>			
Total Program Improvements, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives.....	206	103	17,787