FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Overview: The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) mission is to promote aviation safety and mobility by building, maintaining, and operating the Nation's air traffic control system; overseeing commercial and general aviation safety through regulation and inspection; and providing assistance to improve the capacity and safety of our airports. The 2006 budget request of $13.8 billion for the FAA reflects the Administration's commitment to increase the performance and capacity of our aviation system.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

(Dollars In Millions)

	2004 Actual	2005 Enacted	2006 Request
Operations	7,479	7,707	8,051
Flight Service Stations	0	0	150
Facilities & Equipment	2,871	2,525 2/	2,448
Research, Engineering, and Development	119	130	130
Airport Grants (Ob Lim)	3,380 1/	3,472 2/	3,000
Airport Grants	2	25	0
TOTAL	**13,851**	**13,858**	**13,779**

1/ P.L. 108-199 provided $2 million to Grants-In-Aid for Airports Program for Fort Worth, Alliance Airport, Texas.
2/ P.L. 108-324 provided $25 million for hurricane-related repairs to airports and $5.1 million for repairs to FAA Facilities and Equipment.

FY 2006 Budget

Operations: The FY 2006 budget requests $8.2 billion for FAA Operations. This total includes a one-time $150 million for transition costs for the FAA's Flight Service Station A-76 competition. Most of the funds requested for FAA Operations in FY 2006 support the goal of maintaining and increasing aviation safety, reflecting the President's commitment in this area. Other significant amounts support mobility and security.

- Safety - $7.7 billion includes all funding for inspecting aircraft and ensuring the safety of flight procedures. This includes an increase of $24.9 million to hire and train 595 air traffic controllers; $5.4 million to hire and train 258 field maintenance technicians consistent with a recent Federal Labor Relations Board ruling requiring the FAA to employ 6,100 maintenance technicians; and $7.9 million to hire and train 97 safety inspectors. The budget supports continued development of the Air Traffic Organization (ATO), which was formed in FY 2004 to improve the delivery of air traffic services by adopting "best business-like" practices. It also includes funding for operating and maintaining the air traffic control system, developing a replacement air traffic data and telecommunications system, commercial space transportation, and a share of agency overhead support costs.

  The ATO budget request includes $85 million, the majority of which is for National Airspace System (NAS) handoff requirements for new systems transitioning from the Facilities and Equipment appropriation to the Operations appropriation. This increase will provide first- and second-level field maintenance support, leased telecommunications costs, logistics support, backfill overtime for controllers, and associated costs.

- Mobility - The request includes $293 million to improve air traffic efficiency by various means including improving the flow of air traffic through better airspace design.

- Other - The request includes $210 million to promote other goals, most notably reductions in aviation noise, and improvements in organizational excellence and global connectivity.

Facilities and Equipment: The FAA requests $2.4 billion to continue to improve and modernize the equipment central to the NAS. The request includes:

- Safety - $324 million for projects that support safety performance goals to reduce aviation fatalities, such as improvements to weather sensing and reporting systems, safety information databases and computer systems to assist safety inspections, improvements to flight services for general aviation, and runway incursion research and new technology.

- Mobility - $1.7 billion for projects to support mobility goals to reduce aircraft delays, such as replacement of older radars, Free Flight and oceanic automation to improve flight route flexibility, and significant infrastructure improvements to reduce outages caused by older, less capable facilities and equipment.

- Global Connectivity - $3.6 million for projects to support navigation aids.

- Environmental Stewardship - $54 million for projects to support environmental performance goals, such as replacing fuel tanks at FAA facilities, removing environmental hazards, and cleaning up hazardous materials at identified sites.

- Security - $63.2 million for projects to support security goals, including $30 million for security of NAS facilities and $12 million for information security.

- Organizational Excellence - $298.1 million for projects to support telecommunications infrastructure and competitive sourcing initiatives.

Research, Engineering, and Development: The budget requests $130 million, including $92 million for continued research on aviation safety issues. The remaining research funding is for mobility and environmental issues, including $18.1 million for the Joint Planning and Development Office to develop a plan for transforming the future of the National air space.

Grants-in-Aid for Airports: The budget request includes $3.0 billion for planning and development of the Nation's airports, including grants for security, safety, capacity, and noise-reduction projects. Funding also includes $81 million for administrative expenses, and $17.5 million for airport technology research.

Federal Aviation Administration Facilities and Equipment

(Dollars in Millions)

Safety	
Wide Area Augmentation System	100.0
Airport Surface Detection	23.6
Safety Database and Computer Systems	30.5
Safe Flight 21	33.0
Advanced Technology	16.7
Other (including mission support)	62.6
Personnel compensation, benefits, and travel	57.6
Mobility	
User Request Evaluation Tool	73.3
Traffic Management Advisor	24.0
Oceanic Automation	35.7
En Route Automation	389.1
Terminal Automation	122.5
Terminal Digital Radar	60.6
Improve Weather Systems	34.0
Improve Communications	68.4
Infrastructure Improvements	238.2
Other (including mission support)	356.2
Personnel compensation, benefits, and travel	303.0
Global Connectivity	
Visual Navaids-Replace VASI with PAPI	3.0
Personnel compensation, benefits, and travel	0.6
Environmental Stewardship	
NAS Facilities OSHA Standards	20.7
Replace Fuel Tanks	6.7
Hazardous Materials Clean-Up	17.0
Personnel compensation, benefits, and travel	9.6
Security	
Facility Risk Management	30.0
NAS Recovery Communications	10.0
Information Security	12.0
Personnel compensation, benefits, and travel	11.2
Organizational Excellence	
Telecommunications Infrastructure	57.8
Other	187.3
Personnel compensation, benefits, and travel	53.0
Total	**2,448.0**