



# DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES

**Overview** — The Department of the Interior protects and manages the Nation’s cultural heritage and natural resources; provides scientific and other information about those resources; and honors trust responsibilities and commitments to American Indians, Alaska Natives, and affiliated island communities. This mission is encompassed in the four themes delineated in the Department’s 2007-2012 strategic plan: resource protection, resource use, recreation, and serving communities.

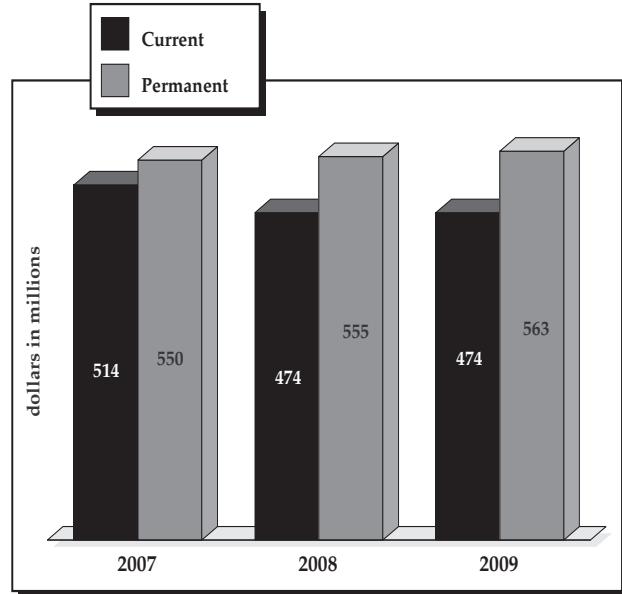
Within this mission, the Department of the Interior is accountable for wide-ranging programs such as fulfilling Indian trust responsibilities; wildlife conservation; historic preservation; endangered species protection; abandoned mine lands restoration; and earth and natural resource science.

**Management Excellence** — The Interior Department continues to make significant progress on the President’s management agenda and its management excellence goals. Through management improvements, Interior is achieving greater efficiency and accountability, employing modern technology, eliminating duplication, and enhancing service to citizens. One key area of improvement is deployment of a new, integrated business management system, the Financial and Business Management System.

Budget and performance integration lies at the heart of ensuring both the strategic allocation and efficient use of revenues. The Department is utilizing Program Assessment Rating Tool reviews, Office of Inspector General, General Accountability Office, and National Association of Public Administration program evaluations, and activity-based cost management to assist in the identification of measures that can strengthen programs and improve the linkage of budget and performance information.

Activity-based cost management is being employed by the Department so that unit costs and performance by dollars spent and actions undertaken can be measured and compared. To further strengthen accountability and financial management, the Financial and Business Management System will replace a variety of outdated,

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stand-alone systems that are costly to operate, difficult to secure, and unable to provide timely financial and performance information.

Departmental Offices principally provide leadership, management, and coordination activities. The Office of the Secretary provides executive direction for the Department. It guides and coordinates Interior’s administrative activities such as finance, information resources, procurement and acquisition, human resources, and budgeting. The Office of the Secretary also manages the administrative appeals functions contained in the Office of Hearings and Appeals, the Indian Arts and Crafts Board functions, centralized realty appraisal services, and the Take Pride in America program.

There are several significant programs within Departmental Offices, that are separately funded. The Office of Insular Affairs provides assistance to insular areas and the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians manages and discharges the Secretary of the Interior’s responsibilities for \$3.3 billion in trust assets for American Indians. Departmental Offices also includes the Office of

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the Solicitor, which provides legal services to the Secretary, and the Office of Inspector General, which reviews Interior activities and conducts audits and investigations.

The Office of the Secretary also manages four Department-wide programs, the Payments in Lieu of Taxes program, which provides payments to local governments in jurisdictions where Federal lands are located; Central Hazardous Materials Fund, which provides a coordinated, consistent approach to remediate Interior sites impacted by hazardous substances; Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration program, which coordinates all of the Department's restoration efforts for affected resources injured as a result of oil spills or hazardous substance releases into the environment on Interior or other lands where endangered species or migratory birds are impacted; and beginning in 2009 the Wildland Fire program. Working collaboratively with the participating bureaus, the Department coordinates wildland fire activities. The Office of the Secretary also manages the Department's Working Capital Fund and the Interior Franchise Fund. These programs are discussed in the Department-wide Programs chapter following this chapter.

### Office of the Secretary

**Mission** — The Office of the Secretary's mission is to provide the executive level leadership, policy, guidance, and coordination needed to manage the diverse, complex, and nationally significant programs that are the Department of the Interior's responsibilities.

**Program Overview** — The Interior Department is comprised of nine bureaus and numerous offices, each with a unique mission. The Department of the Interior's 2009 budget request includes \$10.7 billion in current appropriations and anticipates the collection of \$18.2 billion in receipts. To deliver Interior's broad mission, employees, geographically dispersed across the entire United States, and operating from 2,400 locations, include physical and social scientists, historians, architects, engineers, attorneys, trust officers, rangers, law enforcement officers, teachers, and construction and maintenance workers. In 2009, Interior will issue thousands of leases for oil and gas or geothermal exploration and development; deliver water to 31 million people; maintain and operate parks, wildlife refuges, and recreation areas that will host over 464 million visits; and educate approximately 44,000 Indian children. The Interior Department manages about 165,000 facilities and manages over half a billion acres of surface land.

Although a sizable task, the Office of the Secretary leads this dynamic organization with less than one percent of Interior's total budget. The majority of management

activities associated with the Office of the Secretary are funded from the Salaries and Expenses appropriation. Most of the offices in the Office of the Secretary are located in Washington, D.C. Field offices across the country provide support for environmental protection, Indian probate, hearings and appeals, indirect cost negotiations, appraisal services, and aircraft services.

The National Business Center, also managed by the Office of the Secretary, is funded through direct appropriations, the Working Capital Fund, and the Franchise Fund. The National Business Center provides major business and administrative services to Interior bureaus and offices and other Federal agencies. The major business lines that NBC manages include financial management, payroll and personnel, aircraft services, procurement and electronic commerce, career development and on-line training, information technology, property management, and appraisal services.

**Management Excellence** — The budget includes a reduction of \$130,000 for travel and \$100,000 for savings resulting from converting contracts to performance-based contracts. These reductions enable the direction of resources to higher priority programs and activities.

**Budget Overview** — The Salaries and Expenses budget requests \$105.9 million, including \$8.0 million for consolidated appraisal services in the National Business Center. This is a \$6.3 million increase above the 2008 enacted appropriation.

Program changes in this budget include three items. First, an increase of one FTE and \$200,000 is provided for Suspension and Debarment activities to exclude dishonest, unethical, or irresponsible parties from being awarded Federal contracts or from receiving Federal financial assistance. Second, an increase of \$1.7 million is requested for Central Administrative Services including conversion to FBMS, information technology security, and telecommunications costs among others. Third, an increase of one FTE and \$156,000 is requested for a minerals appraiser position in the National Business Center.

**Fixed Costs** — Fixed costs total \$4.9 million, of which \$4.5 million are budgeted and \$365,000 will be absorbed through cost savings.

### Office of Insular Affairs

**Mission** — The Office of Insular Affairs assists U.S. affiliated islands in developing more efficient and effective governments by providing financial and technical assistance, and helps manage Federal-island relations by promoting appropriate Federal policies.

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**Program Overview** — The OIA carries out the Secretary's responsibilities for U.S. affiliated insular areas. These include the Territories of Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as well as the three freely associated States: the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. The OIA achieves its mission by improving the financial management practices of insular governments, increasing economic development opportunities, and increasing Federal responsiveness to the unique needs of island communities.

**Management Excellence** — The budget includes a travel reduction of \$130,000, which enables the direction of resources to higher priority programs and activities.

**Budget Overview** — The proposed 2009 OIA budget request is \$401.6 million, of which \$79.9 million is in current appropriations. The current appropriation request is \$3.3 million below the 2008 enacted budget, reflecting the reduction of earmark increases.

Permanent funding for insular areas is a reflection of long-term commitments that are guaranteed in law. Permanent appropriations for OIA in 2009 total \$321.7 million. This funding includes \$208.7 million in Compact of Free Association payments to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau. Also included is \$113.0 million in payments to Territories, which reimburses the Virgin Islands for Federal excise taxes collected on rum sales, and Guam for the income taxes collected from Federal employees and military personnel residing in Guam.

The insular areas are strategic for the U.S. from a national defense and security perspective. The Department of Defense is planning to move some 17,000 military personnel and their dependents from Okinawa, Japan, to Guam between 2010 and 2014. This move is expected to generate an influx of approximately 20,000 civilian workers and residents to take advantage of new jobs opening on Guam. An influx of this magnitude will create a significant strain on the government of Guam's ability to provide housing and services to these new residents, particularly when the island's current systems and infrastructure are already inadequate in many areas. As plans and funding allocations for the realignment are settled, Interior will work with the Departments of Agriculture and Defense to promote the development of high priority infrastructure projects related to the military realignment.

**Fixed Costs** — Fixed costs total \$231,000, of which \$227,000 are budgeted and \$4,000 will be absorbed through cost savings. The request funds most pay costs and fully funds

health care costs and costs paid to other agencies and the Department's Working Capital Fund.

### Office of the Solicitor

**Mission** — The Office of the Solicitor's mission is to provide high quality legal and counseling services to the Secretary and Interior's offices and bureaus, administer the Ethics program, help resolve legal issues among bureaus and offices as they fulfill their duties, and manage Interior Freedom of Information Act appeals.

**Program Overview** — The Solicitor's Office attorneys provide legal advice and counsel to all areas of the Department in order to ensure that Interior's programs and initiatives are carried out in a manner consistent with applicable law and regulations. They prepare formal legal opinions; review draft legislation, regulations, contracts, and other documents; and provide informal legal advice in a wide variety of circumstances. In addition, the attorneys represent Interior in administrative litigation, and assist the Department of Justice with judicial litigation.

Along with the legal and counseling responsibilities of the Interior Department, the Solicitor's Office also administers the Ethics program and the FOIA appeals program. The Ethics staff is responsible for overseeing the Interior's statutorily mandated ethics program by implementing the laws, executive orders, regulations, and Departmental policies concerning conflicts of interest and employee responsibilities and conduct. The FOIA appeals staff manages the extensive FOIA appeals processing function by reviewing appeals to determine the issues and developing the Department's response or decision.

**Management Excellence** — The budget includes a reduction of \$130,000 for travel. This reduction enables the direction of resources to higher priority programs and activities.

**Budget Overview** — The Solicitor's 2009 request is \$62.1 million, which is \$3.7 million above the 2008 enacted.

**Program Changes** — The Office of the Solicitor's 2009 budget request includes an increase of \$1.4 million for information technology improvements, including knowledge management, case matter tracking, and operations and maintenance of networks.

**Fixed Costs** — Fixed costs total \$2.5 million, of which \$2.4 million are budgeted and \$44,000 will be absorbed through cost saving methods. The request funds most pay costs and fully funds health care costs and costs paid to other agencies and Interior's Working Capital Fund.

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## Office of Inspector General

**Mission**—The mission of the Office of Inspector General is to promote excellence, accountability, and integrity in the programs, operations, and management of the Department of the Interior.

**Program Overview**—The OIG assists the Secretary and the Congress by targeting resources toward oversight of the Department's most serious management and program challenges, and toward high risk areas vulnerable to fraud, waste, and mismanagement. The OIG is responsible for independently and objectively identifying risks and vulnerabilities that directly impact or could impact Interior's ability to accomplish its mission. The OIG is required to keep the Secretary and the Congress fully and currently informed about problems and deficiencies relating to the administration of Departmental programs and operations. Effective implementation of this mandate addresses the public's demand for greater accountability and integrity in the administration of government programs and operations and the demand for programs that work better, cost less, and achieve the results about which Americans care most. The OIG headquarters is located in Washington, D.C., with field offices and staff in locations across the continental United States, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Hawaii.

**Management Excellence**—The budget includes a reduction of \$130,000 for travel. This reduction enables the direction of resources to higher priority programs and activities.

**Budget Overview**—The 2009 budget request for the OIG is \$44.8 million, which is \$946,000 above the 2008 enacted level.

**Fixed Costs**—Fixed costs total \$1.1 million, of which \$1.1 million are budgeted and \$41,000 will be absorbed through cost saving methods. The request funds most pay costs and fully funds health care costs and costs paid to other agencies and Interior's Working Capital Fund.

### Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians

**Mission**—The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians provides fiduciary guidance, management, and leadership for both tribal trust accounts and Individual Indian Money accounts. The OST oversees and coordinates the Department's efforts to establish consistent policies, procedures, systems, and practices throughout Interior for the Indian fiduciary trust. The OST has operational responsibility for financial trust fund management, including investment, receipt, and disbursement of Indian trust funds, and for real estate appraisals on Indian trust

lands. The OST's Office of Historical Trust Accounting has responsibility to plan, organize, direct, and execute the historical accounting of Tribal Trust accounts and Individual Indian Money accounts. The Bureau of Land Management, the Minerals Management Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Secretary's Office of Hearings and Appeals carry out additional trust functions of the Department with oversight by OST.

**Program Overview**—The OST manages over \$3.3 billion of funds held in over 1,800 trust accounts for more than 250 Indian Tribes, and over 370,000 open Individual Indian Money accounts. The balances that have accumulated in the trust funds have resulted generally from judgment awards, settlement of claims, land-use agreements, royalties on natural resource use, other proceeds derived directly from trust resources, and financial investment income.

The Interior Department has developed a comprehensive and systematic plan to reform the management of its trust responsibilities, the Fiduciary Trust Model. The status of the implementation of the FTM has been described in the reports provided to the U.S. District Court in *Cobell v. Kempthorne*. The FTM includes a guide to improve delivery of fiduciary trust services, effectiveness, and accountability of trust operations; and the re-engineering of Interior's fiduciary trust business processes and systems to ensure that the Department meets its fiduciary trust goals and objectives.

The primary concept of the FTM, working in partnership with the beneficiaries, is to improve the business processes for the delivery of services to tribal and individual Indian beneficiaries by standardizing, streamlining, and automating these processes and services. Progress to date on the FTM includes:

- Developed a nationwide toll-free information call center to answer beneficiary questions.
- Distributed more than \$79 million to individual Indian trust account holders, previously on the "whereabouts unknown" list, through collaborative efforts between OST, BIA, and the tribal governments.
- Restored the equivalent of more than 350,000 acres of land to Tribes through the Indian Land Consolidation Office purchase program to reduce fractionated ownership of land.
- Collected, safeguarded, and protected more than 400-million pages of Indian trust documents for future use at the state-of-the-art American Indian Records Repository, in Lenexa, Kansas.

- Provided fiduciary trust training to over 3,000 Interior and tribal employees working in trust matters and provided records management training to more than 500 BIA and OST records contacts and 381 tribal employees.
- Installed, updated, and upgraded technology for trust management at BIA and OST offices across the country, including new accounting, title, leasing, and funds receivable systems, and a centralized commercial “lockbox” process for the collection of trust payments.
- Made available tribal and individual trust beneficiary services from Regional Trust Administrators and Fiduciary Trust Officers, experienced in fiduciary trust matters.
- Improved management of land survey issues in Indian Country by establishing new Bureau of Land Management Indian lands surveyors, hired specifically to support Indian Country needs, located at the 12 BIA Regional Offices.
- Converted trust accounts in agency locations to new technology and trust systems, ensuring account holders receive improved, comprehensive statements listing assets they own and encumbrances associated with their land.
- Opened the new National Indian Programs Training Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in spring 2006, through a partnership with BIA and OST. The NIPTC provides training in areas such as trust programs, social services, law enforcement, and education.
- Implemented the use of direct deposit enabling Individual Indian Monies account holders who receive disbursements from their trust accounts to use their funds more quickly.
- Recently introduced a Debit Card Pilot program to provide another funds disbursement option.
- Deployed 52 Fiduciary Trust Officers across Indian Country allowing individual Indian and tribal beneficiaries direct access to trust information from a dedicated source for the first time.

On May 31, 2007, the Department released the 2007 Historical Accounting Plan for Individual Indian Money accounts. The 2007 plan reflects what has been learned in four years of historical accounting. The Department’s accounting plan includes the provision of historical accountings for about 364,500 IIM accounts open on or after

October 25, 1994, that had balances. Implementation of the plan is estimated to cost \$271 million. In part, the plan calls for the reconciliation of select receipt and disbursement transactions to develop assurances of the accuracy of the historical statements of account to be delivered to the account holders. Such statements include transaction by transaction listings with such pertinent information as transaction dates, transaction amount, and beginning and ending balances.

**Management Excellence** — The budget includes a reduction of \$530,000 for travel. This reduction enables the direction of resources to higher priority programs and activities.

**Budget Overview** — The 2009 OST budget requests \$181.6 million in current appropriations, which is \$7.7 million below the 2008 enacted budget.

The 2009 OST budget request includes increases of \$1.7 million to address the probate backlog and \$815,000 for trust beneficiary services. The 2009 OST budget request also includes a reduction of \$3.3 million as a result of the completion of certain trust reform efforts reflecting efficiencies and improvements in services to beneficiaries, completion of project task efforts, and additional management efficiencies.

**Historical Accounting** — Within the OST request is \$56.4 million for the Office of Historical Trust Accounting, an increase of \$941,000 over 2008. This amount will provide approximately \$40.0 million for IIM accounting, and \$16.4 million for tribal accounting. This amount may be revised depending on the outcome of any further court rulings in *Cobell v. Kempthorne* or congressional action.

Within the \$40.0 million proposed for individual accounts, Interior will use \$35.5 million to reconcile 1,000 land-based IIM transactions; continue imaging and coding 500 boxes of jacket folders and digitize 120,000 paper ledgers, resulting in the imaging and coding of approximately four million pages of trust documents; perform data completeness validation for a total of eight BIA regions; and continue mailing 120,000 historical statements of accounting. An additional \$4.5 million will be used to resolve the proper ownership of residual balances in special deposit accounts and distribute \$2.5 million in account balances to Tribes, individual Indians, and non-trust entities.

The \$16.4 million for tribal cases will support analysis of tribal claims through the U.S. Department of Justice. There are currently 102 cases pending, including a class action case seeking certification of a class of over 250 Tribes. The OHTA intends to continue its strategy for

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2009 of satisfying the critical information needs of the litigating Tribes through OHTA's document production and organization, digitization, and analysis of tribal accounts. The OHTA will also support active litigation through the U.S. Department of Justice. Progress on tribal historical accountings and analysis of tribal claims are essential to continuing the approach.

**Indian Land Consolidation** — In 2009 the Department is not requesting funding for the Indian Land Consolidation program. The budget is reduced by \$9.8 million. The program was no longer cost effective to operate, and only had a minimal benefit to Indian County at the

2008 funding level. The Department remains committed to focusing on the critical issue of fractionation, and is currently exploring other options for Indian land consolidation. A workgroup has been created to explore viable options and develop a strategy that will be beneficial to both individual Indian land owners and Tribes.

**Fixed Costs** — Fixed costs total \$2.1 million of which \$1.7 million are budgeted and \$363,000 are absorbed. The request funds most pay and health care costs and fully funds costs paid to other agencies and the Department's Working Capital Fund.

## SUMMARY OF BUREAU APPROPRIATIONS

(all dollar amounts in thousands)

*Comparison of 2009 Request with 2008 Enacted:*

	2008 Enacted		2009 Request		Change from 2008	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
<b>Appropriations</b>						
Office of the Secretary.....	386	99,573	385	105,895	-1	+6,322
Federal Lands Subsistence Management <i>(cancellation)</i> .....	0	0	0	-108	0	-108
Assistance to Territories .....	36	77,819	39	75,054	+3	-2,765
Compact of Free Association.....	0	5,310	0	4,818	0	-492
Office of the Solicitor .....	354	58,326	354	62,050	0	+3,724
Office of Inspector General.....	273	43,877	273	44,823	0	+946
Office of Special Trustee for American Indians .....	634	179,487	669	181,648	+35	+2,161
Indian Land Consolidation.....	0	9,844	0	0	0	-9,844
Subtotal, Appropriations.....	1,683	474,236	1,720	474,180	+37	-56
<b>Permanents and Other</b>						
Take Pride in America .....	0	75	0	75	0	0
Indian Arts and Crafts Board .....	0	50	0	50	0	0
Payments to U.S. Territories, Fiscal Assistance.....	0	123,000	0	113,000	0	-10,000
Compact of Free Association.....	0	205,060	0	208,718	0	+3,658
Tribal Special Funds.....	0	180,678	0	189,423	0	+8,745
Tribal Trust Fund.....	0	46,695	0	52,100	0	+5,405
Allocation Account - Office of the Secretary .....	107	0	73	0	-34	0
Reimbursements - Office of the Secretary .....	236	0	236	0	0	0
Reimbursements - Office of the Solicitor .....	48	0	48	0	0	0
Subtotal, Permanents and Others.....	391	555,558	357	563,366	-34	+7,808
<b>TOTAL, DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES.....</b>	<b>2,074</b>	<b>1,029,794</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>1,037,546</b>	<b>+3</b>	<b>+7,752</b>
National Indian Gaming Commission.....	123	15,000	129	17,000	+6	+2,000

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET CHANGES

### By Appropriation Activity/Subactivity

#### APPROPRIATION: Office of the Secretary - Salaries and Expenses

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
Executive Direction.....	13,983	14,396	14,697	+301
Policy, Management, and Budget.....	29,802	31,001	31,752	+751
Hearings and Appeals.....	7,407	7,493	7,658	+166
Consolidated Appraisal Services.....	7,397	7,670	8,012	+342
Indian Arts and Crafts Board.....	1,150	1,171	1,177	+6
Central Administrative Services.....	33,703	37,206	41,976	+4,770
USBM Workers Compensation.....	627	637	623	-14
Financial and Business Mgmt. System.....	22,236	0	0	0
TOTAL APPROPRIATION.....	116,305	99,573	105,895	+6,322

#### *Highlights of Budget Changes*

##### Fixed Costs

Fixed costs total \$4,845, of which \$4,480 are budgeted and \$365 are absorbed.

##### Executive Direction

A net increase of \$301 is proposed in this activity. The 2009 budget includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$24) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contract (-\$18). Fixed costs total \$430, of which \$343 are budgeted and \$87 are absorbed.

##### Policy, Management, and Budget

A net increase of \$751 is proposed in this activity. The request includes a program increase of one FTE and \$200 for Suspension and Debarment activities. The 2009 budget includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$85) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contract (-\$65). Fixed costs total \$879, of which \$701 are budgeted and \$178 are absorbed.

##### Hearings and Appeals

A net increase of \$166 is proposed in this activity. The 2009 budget includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$9) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contract (-\$7). Fixed costs total \$228, of which \$182 are budgeted and \$46 are absorbed.

##### Consolidated Appraisal Services

A net increase of \$342 is proposed in this activity. The request includes a program increase of \$156 for an additional minerals appraiser. The 2009 budget includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$4) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contract (-\$3). Fixed costs total \$241, of which \$192 are budgeted and \$49 are absorbed.

##### Indian Arts and Crafts Board

A net increase of \$6 is proposed in this activity. The 2009 budget includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$8) and a decrease resulting from savings achieved by converting contracts to performance-based contract (-\$7). Fixed costs total \$26, of which \$21 are budgeted and \$5 are absorbed.

##### Central Administrative Services

A net increase of \$4,770 is proposed in this activity. The request includes a program increase of \$1,716 for increased contracted services. Fixed costs total \$3,054, which are fully funded.



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**APPROPRIATION: Federal Lands Subsistence Management**

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	0	0	-108	-108

***Highlights of Budget Changes***

## Federal Lands Subsistence Management

The budget includes a cancellation of \$108 in prior year balances.

**APPROPRIATION: Assistance to Territories**

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
American Samoa				
Operations Grants.....	22,880	22,523	22,752	+229
Northern Marianas				
Covenant Grants (Mandatory).....	27,720	27,720	27,720	0
Territorial Assistance				
Office of Insular Affairs.....	7,305	8,344	8,433	+89
Technical Assistance .....	10,381	10,952	8,098	-2,854
Maintenance Assistance Fund.....	2,277	2,241	2,241	0
Brown Tree Snake.....	2,673	2,631	2,631	0
Insular Management Controls .....	1,476	1,453	1,453	0
Coral Reef Initiative .....	495	979	750	-229
Water and Wastewater Projects.....	990	976	976	0
Subtotal, Territorial Assistance.....	25,597	27,576	24,582	-2,994
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	76,197	77,819	75,054	-2,765

***Highlights of Budget Changes***

## Fixed Costs

Fixed Costs total \$231, of which \$227 are budgeted and \$4 are absorbed.

## Assistance to Territories

## American Samoa

The budget proposes an increase of \$229 for the operations grants to the American Samoan government as part of the Department's ongoing commitment to provide stable operations funding.

## Office of Insular Affairs

The budget proposes a net increase of \$89 in this activity composed of reductions for the Financial and Business Management System (-\$8) and travel and relocation expenses (-\$130). Fixed Costs total \$231, of which \$227 are budgeted and \$4 are absorbed.

## Technical Assistance

The budget proposes a decrease of \$2,854 in earmarks for technical assistance that includes eliminating \$295 for judicial training in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, \$984 for the Marshall Islands Health Care program, \$837 for the prior service trust fund, and \$738 for the CNMI population and workforce survey.

## Coral Reef Initiative

The budget proposes a decrease of \$229 in discretionary grants for coral reef management and protection in the insular areas.

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**APPROPRIATION: Compact of Free Association**

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
Compact of Free Association.....	2,820	2,818	2,818	0
Mandatory Payments .....	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Enewetak Support.....	493	492	0	-492
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	5,313	5,310	4,818	-492

***Highlights of Budget Changes*****Enewetak**

The budget proposal eliminates Enewetak support of \$492 since it is now included in the permanent funding for the Compact of Free Association.

**APPROPRIATION: Office of the Solicitor**

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
Legal Services .....	42,152	44,351	45,938	+1,587
General Administration .....	11,809	12,864	14,966	+2,102
Ethics.....	1,057	1,111	1,146	+35
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	55,018	58,326	62,050	+3,724

***Highlights of Budget Changes*****Fixed Costs**

Fixed costs total \$2,474, of which \$2,430 are budgeted and \$44 are absorbed.

**General Administration**

The 2009 budget proposes a net increase of \$2,102 in this activity, which includes an increase of \$1,424 for information technology improvements. The budget includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$130). Fixed costs total \$322, of which \$808 are budgeted and \$14 are absorbed.

**APPROPRIATION: Office of Inspector General**

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
Audits .....	16,800	19,292	19,612	+320
Investigations.....	14,278	15,880	16,143	+263
Admin. Services and Info. Mgmt.....	7,745	8,705	9,068	+363
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	38,823	43,877	44,823	+946

***Highlights of Budget Changes*****Fixed Costs**

Fixed costs total \$1,117, of which \$1,076 are budgeted and \$41 are absorbed.

**Audits**

The 2009 budget proposes a net increase of \$320 in this activity, which includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$59). Fixed costs total \$394, of which \$379 are budgeted and \$15 are absorbed.

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Investigations

The 2009 budget proposes a net increase of \$263 in this activity, which includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$59). Fixed costs total \$334, of which \$322 are budgeted and \$12 are absorbed.

Administrative Services and Information Management

The 2009 budget proposes a net increase of \$363 in this activity, which includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$12). Fixed costs total \$389, of which \$375 are budgeted and \$14 are absorbed.

**APPROPRIATION: Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians**

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
Federal Trust Programs				
Executive Direction.....	2,132	2,156	2,163	+7
Program Ops, Support, and Improvmts..	187,119	177,331	179,485	+2,154
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	189,251	179,487	181,648	+2,161

*Highlights of Budget Changes*

Federal Trust Programs

Fixed costs total \$2,052 of which \$1,689 are budgeted and \$363 are absorbed.

Program Operations and Support

A net increase of \$2,154 is proposed, which includes program increases for probate backlog clean up (+\$1,659), historical accounting activities (+\$880), trust beneficiary services (+\$815), and other trust reform projects (+\$936). Program decreases include completion of certain trust reform efforts (-\$3,288). The 2009 budget includes a decrease to reduce travel and relocation expenses (-\$530). Fixed costs total \$2,045 of which \$1,682 are budgeted and \$356 are absorbed.

**APPROPRIATION: Indian Land Consolidation Program**

	2007 Actual	2008 Enacted	2009 Request	Change from 2008
TOTAL APPROPRIATION .....	34,006	9,844	0	-9,844

*Highlights of Budget Changes*

Indian Land Consolidation Program

The Indian Land Consolidation program is proposed for elimination in 2009.