

Fact Sheet

The President's Fiscal 2003 Immigration Budget

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Detention and Removals

The FY 2003 budget request includes **\$50.5 million** and **3 new positions** dedicated to improving detention facilities and expanding alternatives to detention. In addition, in FY 2003 the Detention Trustee (under the Department of Justice) will reimburse INS \$615 million and more than 1,200 positions for detention services. The funding and positions were part of INS' base funding in FY 2002. In addition, the budget continues initiatives begun in the FY 2002 emergency counter-terrorism supplemental (\$6.2 million).

Alternatives to Detention

The budget includes \$473,000 and 3 positions (a Detention Enforcement Officer, a Deportation Officer, and a support position). These funds will continue progress in this area begun in FY 2002, with alternative detention pilot projects in several locations. INS is committed to providing safe and humane treatment for non-criminal aliens, particularly asylum seekers, and ensuring their appearance at immigration court proceedings. **(\$473,000)**

Construction

The budget includes \$71.1 million to provide additional infrastructure to accommodate INS' rapid growth in personnel and enforcement capability over the past several years. Of this, \$50.1 million is new resources above the FY 2002 funded level. Several construction projects will increase INS' detention capacity. **(\$50 .1 million)**

FY 2003 Program Improvements	Amount (\$ in millions)
Construction of Detention Facilities	50.1
Alternatives to Detention	0.5