

## Potential Spending Cuts and Estimated Money Saved

### Agriculture:

**\$20 Billion** Replace farm subsidies with farmer savings accounts, eliminating the Foreign Agriculture Service, merging and trimming budget of four agriculture outreach and research agencies, and funding the Food Safety and Inspection Service with user fees.

### Community:

**\$8 Billion** Eliminate the Community Development Block Grant program, Rural Utilities Service, Economic Development Administration, Neighbor-Works America, Appalachian Regional Commission, Denali Commission, Minority Development Business Agency, and Delta Regional Authority, and consolidate the Rural Housing and Development Programs and convert them into block grants.

### Education (2 options):

1: **\$31 Billion** Abolish US Department Of Education, and invest half (of \$46 Billion budget) back to states by block grants, and return Pell Grants to 2009 levels

2: **\$29 Billion** Scale back Department of Education, Stop payout of the balance of the stimulus incentive grants for Race to the Top, eliminate duplicative grants, and return Pell Grant to 2009 levels

### Energy and the Environment:

**\$10.9 Billion** Eliminate and reduce certain block grant and devolve EPA grants, restructure Power Marketing Administrations to be market-based, eliminate Science to Achieve Results Program

### Government Reform:

**\$44 Billion** Halve federal program payment errors by 2012, especially by reducing Medicare errors and earned income tax credit errors, tighten oversight by spending \$5 billion on new resources, such as updated computer systems, and then recover \$49 billion in payment errors.

**\$20 Billion** Rescind unobligated balances after 36 months.

**\$24.5 Billion** Halve the \$25 billion spent to maintain vacant federal properties, cut federal employee travel to 4 Billion, suspend acquisition of federal office space, trim federal office fleet by 20%, eliminate Presidential Election Campaign Fund, cut down on federal employee credit cards, and require federal employees to fly domestic coach.

### Health Care:

**\$12.2 Billion** Reform Medigap, require Medicare home health co-payments, eliminate Maternal and Child Health block grant, eliminate Title X family planning, eliminate National Health Service corps, eliminate health professions grant, and repeal rural health outreach and flexibility grants, and defund Planned Parenthood and affiliated Federal grants to abortion facilities – federal, state, local

**Unknown** Repeal Obamacare (larger savings in later years).

### Homeland Security:

**\$2.7 Billion** Eliminate most DHS grants to and allow states to finance themselves.

### Interior:

**\$1.7 Billion** Open Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to leasing. (The savings are

leasing revenues, which are classified as negative spending in the federal budget), and suspend other federal land purchases.

### **International:**

**\$4 Billion** Eliminate the Development Assistance Program, State Department education and cultural exchange programs, International Trade Administration's trade promotions, the democracy fund, International Trade Commission, Trade and Development Agency, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, East-West Center, US Institute of Peace, Japan-US Friendship Commission

### **Justice:**

**\$7.8 Billion** Eliminate all Justice Department grants except those from the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the National Institute of Justice, thereby empowering states to finance their own justice programs, eliminate Legal Services Corporation, DOJ Community Relations Service, National Drug Control Policy, State Justice Institute, and Reduce funding of DOJ Civil Rights division.

### **Labor:**

**\$7.4 Billion** Eliminate federal job training programs, Job Corps, and Senior Community Service Employment Program, and improve screening for food stamp eligibility

### **Science**

**\$1.9 Billion** Reduce National Science Foundation funding to 2008 levels, eliminate National Science Foundation spending on elementary and secondary education, and eliminate business subsidies from the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

### **Transportation:**

**\$60.7 Billion** Devolve the federal highway program and most transit spending to the states, Privatize TSA, FAA, and Amtrack. Eliminate grants to large and medium airports, eliminate the Maritime Administration, and the Essential Air Service Program.

### **Treasury:**

**\$26.7 Billion** Eliminate the additional child refundable credit, and the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund.

### **Veterans:**

**\$4.5 Billion** Cap increases in Department of Veterans Affairs health care spending, and reduce disability compensation to account for SS disability payments. Reduce Veterans' Disability Compensation to account for Social Security Disability Insurance payments.

### **Other:**

**\$60 Billion** Repeal unspent stimulus spending.

**\$16 Billion** Eliminate all congressional earmarks (FC)

**\$8 Billion** Switch to using the "Superlative CPI" in funding calculations.

**\$7 Billion** Impose 3 yr pay freeze on federal workers and DoD civilians (FC)

**\$6.7 Billion** Eliminate Federal Communications Commission funding for school Internet service, eliminate National Community Service programs, Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Endowment for the humanities, National Mediation Board, National Endowment for the Arts, Army Corp of Engineer funding for beach replenishment projects, Commission of fine arts, National Council on Historic Preservation, and ban project labor agreements on all federally funded construction projects.

**\$6 Billion** Repeal the Davis–Bacon Act.

**\$2 Billion** Repeal Dodd-Frank (based on 5yr CBO Estimates)

**\$1.4 Billion** Repeal Food Safety & Modernization Act

**Defense:**

**\$15.6 Billion** According to Secretary Gates' ( \$78 Billion 5 year projections)

*Defense figure updated 1/27/11 from \$35.6 Billion to \$15.6 Billion.*