

Keeping America Safe and Secure

Having steered the economy back from the brink of a depression, the Administration is committed to moving the Nation from recession to recovery by sparking job creation to get millions of Americans back to work and building a new foundation for the long-term prosperity for all American families. To do this, the 2011 Budget makes critical investments in the key areas that will help to reverse the decline in economic security that American families have experienced over the past decade with investments in education, clean energy, infrastructure, and innovation.

But even as we meet the challenge of the recession and work to build an economy that works for all American families, we must also change the way Washington does business – ending programs that don't work, streamlining those that do, cracking down on special interest access, and bringing a new responsibility to how tax dollars are spent. The President's Budget takes the steps to help jumpstart job creation, works to strengthen the economic security of American families, and makes the tough choices to put our Nation back on the path to fiscal responsibility.

To strengthen our homeland security, the Budget will:

Increase Funding for the Department of Homeland Security. Protecting the American people is a top priority of the Administration. That is why the Budget provides \$44 billion – nearly a \$1 billion dollar increase over the 2010 enacted level – for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This funding will support DHS in carrying out the vital missions with which it is charged, such as aviation and border security, emergency response, maritime safety and security, and protecting our Nation's leaders.

Safeguard our Nation's Transportation Systems. As the failed attack on Christmas Day 2009 reminded us, al Qaeda and like-minded terrorists still seek to harm the American people. To help keep America safe, the Budget provides \$783 million to support the deployment of up to 1,000 new Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT) screening machines at airport checkpoints and new explosive detection equipment for baggage screening in 2011. Additional funding is also included for the Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS) to increase the number of international flights covered by the program to defend against attempted attacks on aviation. The Budget provides \$54 million for the continued modernization and streamlining of transportation security vetting and credentialing, which will reduce redundant TSA processes and systems. Finally, the Budget provides \$600 million for the transportation sector through the Transit and Port Security Grant Programs.

Fund Efforts to Prevent Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Attacks. The Budget funds activities to prevent attacks to our Nation. Procurement and nationwide deployment of next-generation BioWatch sensors is funded at \$89 million. These sensors will detect bio-attacks at the earliest possible instant. As part of the ongoing effort to protect against radiological or nuclear threats, the Budget funds \$61 million for radiation detection equipment to enhance DHS detection capabilities at sea ports, land border crossings, and airports.

Strengthen Border Security and Immigration Verification Programs. The Budget includes funding to support 20,000 Border Patrol agents and complete the first segment of Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) virtual border fence. The Budget also includes funding for 300 new CBP Officers for passenger and cargo screening at ports of entry as well as expansion of pre-screening operations at foreign airports and land ports of entry. The Budget provides more than \$1.6 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement programs to expeditiously identify and remove from the United States illegal aliens who commit crimes. Included in this total is continued support for the Secure Communities program. Finally,

the Budget provides \$137 million for enhancements and expansion of immigration-related verification programs at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. Through E-Verify, U.S. employers can maintain a legal workforce by verifying the employment eligibility of their workers, while Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) assists Federal, State, and local benefit-granting agencies with determining eligibility for benefits by verifying immigration status. These programs promote compliance with immigration laws and prevent individuals from obtaining benefits they are not eligible to receive.

Boosts Funding for FBI Agents and Federal Prosecutors. The Budget includes \$145 million in enhancements for the FBI's national security programs, and \$100 million – including \$8 million in program enhancements – for the National Security Division to address the Department of Justice's highest priority: to protect the American people from terrorist acts. The Budget also provides \$73 million for the transfer, prosecution, and incarceration of Guantanamo Bay detainees. The Administration further anticipates working with the Congress to identify additional funding and other resources that may be needed in 2010 to address Federal, State, and local security requirements associated with terrorism trials that may begin in 2010 and continue into 2011.

Protect Critical Information Networks. Data networks are central to the functioning of our economy and Nation. The Budget provides \$364 million to the Department of Homeland Security to support the operations of the National Cyber Security Division which protects Federal systems as well as continuing efforts under the Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative to protect our information networks from the threat of attacks or disruptions.

Upgrade the Coast Guard Fleet. The Budget funds \$538 million to construct the fifth Coast Guard National Security Cutter and \$240 million to produce four new Fast Response Cutters. Funding of \$45 million enables Coast Guard to move ahead with selection of a design for the Offshore Patrol Cutter. These new assets replace an aging fleet of cutters and patrol boats and provide stronger command and control platforms for more effective and efficient execution of all Coast Guard missions.

Equip, Train, and Hire Firefighters and Other First Responders. First responders are the brave men and women who respond immediately to a disaster or attack. To support their efforts, the Budget funds \$4 billion in state and local programs, including Firefighter Assistance Grants, for equipping, training, exercising, and hiring first responders. Of this amount, \$1.1 billion is for the Urban Area Security Initiative which will direct resources to the metropolitan vicinities with the highest threat – based on a risk management methodology.

Prepare for Disaster Response. It is critical that we are prepared for emergencies and disasters of any type. The Budget supports disaster response and resilience efforts by funding the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) at \$1.95 billion. In the instance of a presidentially-declared disaster or emergency, the DRF is used by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to assist State and local governments for critical response, recovery, and hazard mitigation needs.