

The Department of Commerce

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FY2011 Request: \$8.9 billion
FY2010 Enacted: \$13.9 billion

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has a broad mandate to advance economic growth, jobs and opportunities for the American people. It has crosscutting responsibilities in the areas of trade, technology, entrepreneurship, economic development, environmental stewardship, and statistical research and analysis. To support this important work, the 2011 Budget allocates \$8.9 billion to DOC.

Open New Markets to American Goods and Services

- \$534 million, a 20 percent increase, to the International Trade Administration. As part of the Administration's National Export Initiative, a broader federal strategy to increase American exports, ITA will strengthen its efforts to promote exports from small businesses, help enforce free trade agreements with other nations, fight to eliminate barriers to sales of U.S. products, and improve the competitiveness of U.S. firms.

Invest in America's Innovation and Competitiveness

- \$712 million for National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) laboratories to support advanced measurement and standards development that will facilitate the economy-wide development and adoption of a wide variety of new technologies, ranging from nanotechnology and cybersecurity advances to energy conservation systems.
- Provide the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) full access to its fee collections, including additional resources provided through a 15 percent fee increase on patent services, to strengthen USPTO's efforts to improve the speed and quality of patent examinations.
- \$80 million for the Technology Innovation Program, which invests in high-impact research that will address critical national needs and advance innovation.
- \$130 million for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership to enhance the competitiveness of the nation's industries by facilitating the adoption of more efficient manufacturing processes.

Enhance Regional Economic Competitiveness

- \$246 million to support economic growth programs at the Economic Development Administration (EDA).
- \$75 million in regional planning and matching grants within EDA to support the creation of Regional Innovation Clusters that leverage regions' competitive strengths to boost job creation and economic growth. SBA will also support enhanced small business participation in clusters by awarding competitive grants to promote greater coordination of resources, such as business counseling and mentor-protégé partnerships.

Advance Climate Science and Monitoring, Protect Oceans and Species

- More than \$2 billion to develop and implement NOAA's polar orbiting and geo-stationary weather satellite systems, satellite-borne measurements of sea level and other climate variables, and other space-based observations.
- Support enhancements to climate science and services, including improved modeling and assessments at global and regional levels.
- \$100 million for coastal and marine spatial planning, competitive grants in support of regional ocean partnerships, integrated ecosystem assessments, catch-share based fisheries management, and research on ocean acidification.

Strengthen Key Statistical Programs

- \$1.3 billion to the Census Bureau to process, tabulate, and release 2010 Census data, conduct extensive evaluations of the census, improve the data collection methods of the American Community Survey, and begin a continuous update process of the Census Bureau's geospatial and address data, which is expected to produce long-run cost savings. These initiatives will provide more accurate data for decision-makers at all levels of government and in the private sector. Funds are also provided to prepare for the 2012 Economic and Government Censuses and to improve an important measure of poverty.
- \$109 million for the Bureau of Economic Analysis, which will develop new data series on key economic sectors (such as manufacturing and retail trade) and household consumption, income, and expenses. These measures will provide policymakers more timely, detailed, and robust data on the state of the business and household sectors of the economy.

High-Priority Performance Goals

The Administration is committed to building a transparent, high-performance government capable of addressing the challenges of the 21st century. As part of developing the budget, every department identified high-priority performance goals (along with the strategies and in-house resources to achieve them) that each will work to accomplish over the next two years. Highlights of this department's goals are:

- Effectively execute the 2010 Census, and provide states with accurate timely redistricting data.
- Reduce patent pendency for first action and for final actions from the end of 2009 levels of 25.8 and 34.6 months respectively by the end of 2011, as well as the patent backlog.
- Ensure environmentally and economically resilient oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes communities, with healthy and productive ecosystems.
- Efficiently and effectively implement the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, to expand service to communities in a cost-effective manner that maximizes impacts on economic growth, education, health care, and public safety.
- Increase the annual number of Small and Medium-size Enterprises (SMEs) the Commercial Service successfully assists in exporting to a 2nd or additional country by 40 percent from 2009 to 2011.
- Raise the number of firms adopting sustainable manufacturing processes through the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by 250 by the end of 2011. Raise the percentage of construction projects involving buildings or structures funded by Economic Development Assistance Programs that are certified by the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) or a comparable third-party certification program to 12 percent.

To see the Department's full set of performance information, please visit:

http://www.osec.doc.gov/bmi/budget/budgetsub_perf_strategicplans.htm