

# IRAQ OPERATIONS

## *Resource Summary*

(\$ in thousands)

<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>FY 2010 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2011 CR</b>	<b>FY 2012 Request</b>
American Positions	2	2	10
Funds	2,151,641	442,795	495,900

FY 2010 Actual includes \$1,726.558 million shifted to Overseas Contingency Operations.

### *Program Description*

The U.S. Mission in Iraq is dedicated to supporting a sovereign, stable, and self-reliant Iraq that can offer a voice of moderation and democracy in the Middle East and significantly advance U.S. interests in the region. Iraq remains critical to U.S. national security, and the Department of State and USAID have a unique opportunity to build on the great gains won by soldiers and diplomats over the past seven years, and ensure that Iraq emerges as a strategic partner of the United States and a force for stability.

U.S. national security goals in Iraq will be met through a comprehensive, integrated strategy aimed at mitigating crisis and promoting development through economic assistance, provincial outreach, and a continuing commitment to Iraq's security through the State Department-managed programs. These programs will help Iraq build institutions that can bear the weight of the demands of an open society - from fair voting booths to just courtrooms to free newsrooms. They will help advance peaceful solutions to internal ethno-sectarian divisions and assist Iraq in developing productive ties with its neighbors while maintaining its own sovereignty. The Department and its interagency partners will foster economic development by assisting Iraq's re-entry into the world oil sector and the global economy. These goals will be achieved by enhancing connections between the political, economic, and social fabric of the country through robust engagement by embassy branch offices (EBOs), consulates, and the embassy in Baghdad.

Many U.S. Government agencies and every functional bureau of the Department are involved in advancing these goals in Iraq. The next three to five years will be crucial and this effort will continue to require significant U.S. personnel and resource commitments to sustain the mission. In FY 2012, the Department will operate the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, consulates general in Basrah and Erbil, and temporary EBOs in Mosul and Kirkuk, with supporting aviation facilities in Basrah, Erbil, and Baghdad. This presence, coupled with a corresponding engagement strategy, will further the United States' long-term relationship with Iraq as a primary partner in the Middle East. The U.S. Government's work in Iraq over the past year has been extremely successful, even with the most challenging military-to-civilian transition in U.S. history. A successful, prosperous Iraq will create opportunities for U.S. business investments and contribute to regional stability in the future.

### *Justification of Request*

The Department's FY 2012 request of \$495.9 million for Enduring Programs in Iraq covers the anticipated long term operational needs for the Embassy located in Baghdad, and two Consulate Generals, in Basrah and Erbil. The request is a \$70.8 million increase over the estimated FY 2010 enduring level of \$425.1 million. This increase is primarily a result of the Department adding two consulate operations and escalating operations and security costs following DOD's transition to a significantly smaller presence.

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The total Diplomatic and Consular Programs request for Iraq Operations is \$3.725 billion consisting of \$3.229 billion identified as Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) funding. Details regarding the OCO portion of the request can be found in the Iraq Section of the OCO chapter.

The Enduring Program funding level recognizes that while the security situation will have to improve significantly to operate at the requested level, security measures in Iraq will continue to be higher than other posts in the region.

### **Mission Operations and Logistics Support: \$15,509,000**

\$15.5 million is requested above the FY 2010 Actual base level (less OCO) of \$178.4 million to sustain ongoing embassy operations previously funded in FY 2009 supplemental and FY 2010 annual funding, including salaries and benefits of existing staff, general and technical support contracts at post, and motor vehicle maintenance support. The request includes funding to build post's cadre of Iraqi employees as part of long-term normalization of operations.

The increase incorporates funding for long term logistical requirements at the Embassy including operations and maintenance and sustainment contract support in lieu of traditional procurement methods.

### **Security Operations: \$46,368,000 including 1 position**

\$46.4 million is requested above a FY 2010 Actual level of \$153.6 million to provide resources needed to protect the Embassy and support Baghdad facilities.

The program increase request covers the annualized cost of Baghdad security resulting from the transition to the Worldwide Protective Services (WPS) contract from the Worldwide Personal Protective Services II contract and the establishment of a Local Program Management Office (LPMO) task order, which requires management staffing along with additional equipment and security support necessary in the post-DOD era. The request includes funding for one position for a new Security Technical Specialist that is necessary to manage the additional security equipment and systems supporting embassy security operations.

### **Information Technology: \$306,000**

\$306,000 is requested above a FY 2010 Actual level of \$8.7 million for long-term bandwidth requirements to support the embassy compound and its support sites in Baghdad.

### **EBO/Interim Consulate Operations: \$8,634,000 including 7 positions**

The requested increase is in addition to a FY 2010 Actual level of \$84.4 million to support the anticipated enduring operational costs of the two consulates located in Erbil and Basrah, including IT infrastructure and contract support, operation and maintenance of the facilities and life support functions.

The seven new positions include four security Technical Specialists to manage security equipment and systems and three LPMO's required by the WPS contract which will support the new task orders awarded for the protection of the Department of State controlled facilities throughout the country.