

# OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS

## *Resource Summary*

(\$ in thousands)

Appropriations (1)	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 CR	FY 2012 Request
<b>Administration of Foreign Affairs</b>			
Diplomatic & Consular Programs - OCO	2,574,990	1,714,453	4,323,255
Iraq	1,726,558	1,052,846	3,229,455
Afghanistan	769,695	609,801	947,400
Pakistan	78,737	51,806	146,400
Office of Inspector General -OCO	46,000	46,000	62,932
SIGAR	23,000	23,000	44,387
SIGIR	23,000	23,000	18,545

(1) FY 2010 and FY 2011 levels are illustrative.

### *Overview*

The coming fiscal year will be filled with extraordinary challenges for the Department of State. As U.S. troops leave Iraq after eight years, the Department will take over the primary responsibility of helping the still fragile state grow into a secure and self-reliant nation. In Afghanistan, civilians will continue to support gains made in defeating extremists while building the security, government and institutions that the nation needs to end long cycles of conflict. The Department will work with Pakistan to disrupt violent groups that destabilize the region while strengthening Pakistan's resolve to combat those elements. These tasks are formidable. The Department must at the same time continue diplomatic efforts outside these countries to achieve equally essential foreign policy goals - from safeguarding nuclear stockpiles to supporting over 250 locations overseas.

The increased role in the frontline states (Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan) will be an exceptional test for the Department, its diplomats and its resources, one that adds considerable expense and requirements to an already ambitious mission. To meet this challenge, the Department requests Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) – temporary funding to meet the significant demands of operating in these three frontline states. As outlined in the Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review, the OCO request will fund the extraordinary Department operations in the frontline states that are above and beyond the Department's normal mission costs. These costs are exceptional and fluid, growing or shrinking over time depending on the situation in these often unstable regions. OCO is unique by country, tailored to meet the security, development and diplomatic challenges of each. Most importantly, OCO funds are separate from the Department's base budget, which is necessary to maintain American influence and power elsewhere in the world. OCO funding will decrease as the need for resources in these regions ebbs.

In the frontline states, the Department will take on new roles previously filled by the Department of Defense (DOD) in order to maintain its civilian presence, and face security and logistical challenges for expeditionary diplomatic missions. These vital national security roles place unprecedented demands on the Department and its people. It is therefore critical that these operations receive the support they require to succeed. It more closely links the civilian and military funding requests for these frontline states, emphasizing the whole of government approach to resolving these conflicts.