

D&CP – OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Resource Summary

(\$ in thousands)

Appropriations	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2012 Estimate	FY 2013 Request	Increase / Decrease
Funds	71,190	8,230	24,907	16,677

Program Description

The Office of International Conferences (IO/C) manages U.S. participation in international conferences through the official accreditation of U.S. delegations to multilateral meetings. IO/C funds are used to finance Department participation in multilateral conferences. Costs include delegate travel and per diem, administrative costs associated with the Department's component of U.S. delegations, and costs of conferences hosted by the U.S. The objective of the office is to ensure that the U.S. is represented by delegations that can best attain U.S. policy objectives through these vital diplomatic activities.

IO/C supports the Department's participation in some 450 meetings annually, sponsored by organizations within and outside the UN framework on a wide range of global issues of importance to the U.S. Meetings deal with such important issues as economic, trade and development matters; energy; technology and environmental controls; security; disarmament and nuclear-related issues; air and maritime safety; counterterrorism; human rights; narcotics and crime; health; natural resources; vehicle safety standards; telecommunications; laws; and democracy.

The U.S. continues to promote and protect hemispheric interests through participation in meetings of the Organization of American States (OAS), the International Criminal Court Assembly, the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development, the UN General Assembly, and related organizations. The U.S. accomplishes similar goals reflecting key regional relationships through participation in meetings of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the UN regional commissions, and the signatories of the Antarctic Treaty. It is essential that the Department actively participate in these important conferences; otherwise, the U.S. risks losing its voice and influence in furthering vital interests as policies are adopted, reform measures are considered, and directions and priorities of activities are decided in a variety of multilateral international organizations in which the U.S. has membership.

Justification of Request

The FY 2013 request of \$24.907 million maintains current services to support Cost of Living Allowance and inflation increases, and includes a reduction of \$47,000 in planned administrative savings for travel and contract support. The request also includes an increase of \$15.0 million for centralized conferences.

Centralized Conferences: \$15,000,000

The request will enable IO/C to address requirements associated with hosting leader-level summits in the U.S. and with addressing new meetings or special initiatives reflecting high priority Administration interests, such as the OAS Inter-American Committee against Terrorism, the G8 and G20 Summits, the OAS General Assembly, and the Open Government Partnership. This ensures the Department remains fully engaged in conferences that are vital to the nation's foreign policy. Conferences will be hosted in government-owned facilities whenever possible, consistent with the plan to reduce administrative costs.

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	Positions					Funds (\$ in thousands)		
	American				Pos	Bureau	American	Funds
	CS	FS Dom	Overseas	FSN	Total	Managed	Salaries	Total
FY 2011 Actual	0	0	0	0	0	71,190	0	71,190
FY 2012 Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	8,230	0	8,230
FY 2013 Built-in Changes								
Administrative Savings	0	0	0	0	0	(47)	0	(47)
American COLA	0	0	0	0	0	33	0	33
Domestic Inflation	0	0	0	0	0	373	0	373
Overseas Price Inflation	0	0	0	0	0	1,318	0	1,318
Total Built-in Changes	0	0	0	0	0	1,677	0	1,677
FY 2013 Current Services	0	0	0	0	0	9,907	0	9,907
FY 2013 Program Changes								
Centralized Conferences	0	0	0	0	0	15,000	0	15,000
Total Program Changes	0	0	0	0	0	15,000	0	15,000
FY 2013 Request	0	0	0	0	0	24,907	0	24,907

Funds by Program Activity

(\$ in thousands)

Office of International Conferences	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2012 Estimate	FY 2013 Request	Increase / Decrease
Domestic Administrative Support	71,190	8,230	24,907	16,677
Total	71,190	8,230	24,907	16,677

Program Activities

Office of International Conferences (OIC)	Positions				Funds (\$ in thousands)		
	American		FSN	Pos	Bureau	American	Funds
	Domestic	Overseas	Total	Managed	Salaries	Total	
Domestic Administrative Support	0	0	0	0	24,907	0	24,907
Total	0	0	0	0	24,907	0	24,907

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Funds by Object Class

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Office of International Conferences	FY 2011 Actual	FY 2012 Estimate	FY 2013 Request	Increase / Decrease
1100 Personnel Compensation	10,090	1,166	3,512	2,346
1200 Personnel Benefits	717	83	234	151
2100 Travel & Trans of Persons	11,393	1,317	3,980	2,663
2300 Rents, Comm & Utilities	4,271	494	1,494	1,000
2500 Other Services	30,793	3,560	10,817	7,257
2600 Supplies and Materials	13,926	1,610	4,870	3,260
Total	71,190	8,230	24,907	16,677