

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Resource Summary

(\$ in thousands)

Appropriations	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 CR ⁽¹⁾	FY 2014 Request	Increase/Decrease From FY2012
Enduring Funds	1,438	3,620	19,193	17,755
Annualization of support for summits & ministerials ⁽²⁾	37,400	15,000	15,000	(22,400)

(1) The FY 2013 CR is based on the annualized continuing resolution calculation for FY 2013 (P.L. 112-175).

(2) In FY 2012, \$37.4 million from carry-forward balances supported presidentially mandated summits & ministerials. For FY 2013, \$15 million will be applied from carry-forward balances.

Program Description

The Office of International Conferences (IO/C) manages the United States' participation in international conferences through the official accreditation of delegations to multilateral fora. IO/C funds are used to finance the participation of the Department of State's organization of, and participation in, such events. Costs include delegate travel and per diem; administrative costs associated with acquiring, equipping and staffing control rooms for use by large U.S. delegations; and costs of conferences hosted by the U.S. The mandate of IO/C is to ensure that the U.S. is represented by delegations that can best attain U.S. policy objectives through these vital international diplomacy activities.

IO/C supports the Department's participation in approximately 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. These deal with critical issues such 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 Forum for the Future. The U.S. continues to promote and protect its hemispheric interests through participation in meetings of the Organization of American States (OAS), the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD), and related organizations. The U.S. accomplishes similar goals reflecting key U.S. regional relationships through participation in meetings of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) 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 events; otherwise, the U.S. risks losing its voice and influence in promoting and protecting key 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.

IO/C supports U.S. Government participation in the United Nations General Assembly and regular meetings of the UN subsidiary bodies and specialized agencies, the Economic and Social Council and its commission, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the International Criminal Court, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Labor Organization, and the International Telecommunications Union. The U.S. also participates as a member in the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization meetings, as well as meetings of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

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In addition, IO/C has addressed requirements associated with new meetings or special initiatives reflecting high priority administration interests, such as the OAS Inter-American Committee against Terrorism, the G-8 and G-20 Summits, Forum for the Future, and the Open Government Partnership.

Justification of Request

The Department's FY 2014 Request of \$19.2 million for the Office of International Conferences (IO/C), a \$17.8 million net increase over the FY 2012 Actual, includes an increase of \$573,000 for inflation plus \$15 million to annualize costs for multilateral summits and ministerials. This amount sustains resource levels necessary to continue to provide logistical support to U.S. delegations participating in the 25 or so major international policy fora each year (HRC, ICC, OASGA, OECD, UNGA, APEC and UNFCCC). These activities fall within the national security and international diplomacy functions as defined in OMB Memo 12-12.

The table below provides a breakout of the actual resources used to fund several events prior to FY 2013:

Actual Ministerials

(\$ in millions)

	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012 ⁽¹⁾	FY 2013	FY 2014
G20 Summit	18	0	0	0	0	0
Nuclear Security Summit	0	7	0	0	0	0
APEC	0	0	48.3	1.5	0	0
NATO-G8	0	0	0	35.8	0	0
Projected in 2013	0	0	0	0	15	0
Projected in 2014	0	0	0	0	0	15
Total	18	7	48.3	37.4	15	15

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	Positions					Funds (\$ in thousands)		
	American				Pos Total	Bureau Managed	American Salaries	Funds Total
	CS	FS Dom	Overseas	FSN				
FY 2012 Actual	0	0	0	0	0	1,438	0	1,438
FY 2013 Estimate	0	0	0	0	0	3,620	0	3,620
FY 2014 Built-in Changes								
Domestic Inflation	0	0	0	0	0	195	0	195
Overseas Price Inflation	0	0	0	0	0	378	0	378
Total Built-in Changes	0	0	0	0	0	573	0	573
FY 2014 Current Services	0	0	0	0	0	4,193	0	4,193
FY 2014 Program Changes								
Central 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 2014 Request	0	0	0	0	0	19,193	0	19,193

Staff and Funds by Domestic Organization Units

(\$ in thousands)

Office of International Conferences (OIC)	FY 2012			FY 2013			FY 2014			Increase/Decrease		
	Actual			CR			Request			From FY2012		
	Am	FSN	Funds	Am	FSN	Funds	Am	FSN	Funds	Am	FSN	Funds
Office of International Conferences	0	0	1,438	0	0	3,620	0	0	19,193	0	0	17,755
Total	0	0	1,438	0	0	3,620	0	0	19,193	0	0	17,755

Funds by Object Class

(\$ in thousands)

Office of International Conferences (OIC)	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 CR	FY 2014 Request	Increase/Decrease From FY2012
2100 Travel & Trans of Persons	1,078	2,895	18,144	17,066
2500 Other Services	360	725	1,049	689
Total	1,438	3,620	19,193	17,755

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