

OVERSEAS CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS

Afghanistan *Resource Summary* (\$ in thousands)

Appropriations	FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 CR ⁽¹⁾	FY 2014 Request	Increase / Decrease From FY2012
State Programs	1,023,862	1,023,862	497,935	(525,927)
Diplomatic & Consular Programs Ongoing Operations	833,993	833,993	126,053	(707,940)
Worldwide Security Programs	189,869	189,869	371,882	182,013

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

Program Description

The goal of the United States in Afghanistan continues to be to disrupt, dismantle, and defeat al-Qaida and its extremist allies. In pursuit of this goal, the Government-wide strategy has been on three reinforcing tracks: military, civilian, and diplomatic. The first two have set the table for the success of the third, which supports an Afghan-led political process to split the weakened Taliban from al-Qaida and reconcile those who will renounce violence and accept the Afghan constitution. Concurrently, the Department is working with the Afghans to consolidate and accelerate the development of their capacity for security, governance, and economic growth.

Transition to Afghan security lead has begun and will be complete by the end of 2014. As provinces complete the security transition process and field platforms are closed, the Department and other civilian agency partners are decreasing their civilian personnel numbers working towards a post-2014 enduring presence level. Throughout 2013 and 2014, the Mission will continue to have diplomats, development experts, and other specialists from nine U.S. Government departments working with key Afghan ministries, provincial and district leaders, and other Afghans on such areas of strategic importance as agriculture, rule of law, border issues, women's rights, and communications. Inter-agency participation is essential to these efforts, and the whole-of-government approach continues to be supported by the OCO request. The request is made through the Diplomatic and Consular Programs account to support these civilian uplift personnel and to secure Chief of Mission facilities and personnel.

The FY 2014 OCO request includes the resources necessary to continue the transition from a military to civilian-led effort in Afghanistan. Most one-time infrastructure investment will have been accomplished by the end of FY 2013, and as such this budget provides major reductions in operating and investment costs.

Justification of Request

The FY 2014 D&CP OCO request is \$497.9 million, a \$525.9 million decrease from the FY 2012 OCO Actual level which includes a \$340.6 million decrease for U.S. Mission Operations and Information Technology, \$221.1 million decrease for Aviation, \$146.2 million decrease for facilities construction and build-out, and an increase of \$182 million for Security. The resources requested will support civilians

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engaged in capacity building, as well as stabilization and development, which are essential to U.S. efforts in Afghanistan, and security operations. Specifically, the FY 2014 OCO request includes:

U.S. Mission Operations and Information Technology: \$50,375,000

The Mission Operations and IT request is \$50.4 million, a \$340.6 million decrease from the FY 2012 Actual level. The request supports American and locally employed staff salaries, benefits, allowances, travel, training, life support/ICASS support, infrastructure, replacement furnishings/equipment and information technology. Additionally, the request reduces funding available for transfer to other agencies to support the continued deployment of civilian experts as the civilian agency presence in Afghanistan continues to downsize. The public diplomacy request is \$12.4 million. Public diplomacy OCO funding concentrates on programs to educate and prepare the Afghan people, especially women, for the April 2014 elections. The Public Affairs Section will continue to counter extremist messaging, and work with the incoming Afghan government to transition many of the English-teaching and other programs to government run programs. This public diplomacy request represents a reduction of \$5.7 million from the FY 2012 Actual level; this decrease is a result of completing major communications projects.

Aviation: \$75,678,000

The aviation request is \$75.7 million, a reduction of \$221.1 million from the FY 2012 Actual level. The Department has previously acquired the fleet needed to safely perform the diplomatic mission in Afghanistan. The aviation budget supports operation and maintenance of the fleet currently assembled in country.

Security: \$371,882,000

The FY 2014 Request for security is \$371.9 million, an increase of \$182 million over the FY 2012 Actual level. The request will provide the necessary resources for the Bureau of Diplomatic Security (through Worldwide Security Protection) to continue to protect and secure U.S. government personnel carrying out their mission at Embassy Kabul and at other locations throughout the country. The request is predicated on the assumption that security conditions through-out Afghanistan do not dramatically change from the current levels, i.e. self-drive in the north and west and escorts required in the south and east.

The request includes \$9 million for equipment such as bandwidth for the Tactical Operations Center equipment, Command, Control, Communication, Intel (C41) equipment, and special protective equipment; \$87.1 million for physical and technical security, including Sense and Warn, personnel tracking and locating devices and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV); \$4.8 million for other support operations such as annual recurring support costs, i.e. post-held premiums, R&R, etc. for Assistant Regional Security Officers, aviation services, courier shipping costs, and weapons of mass destruction training, which prepares personnel to react in the event of biohazard or chemical attack; \$17.9 million for Regional Security-related costs including support costs for RSOs and Security Protective Specialist positions; \$120.2 million for protective details necessary to provide secure movements to chief of mission personnel; and \$132.9 million for static/local guards, including the protection of facilities at Valdez and Alvarado being upgraded to Chief of Mission facilities.

Also included within the FY 2014 Request are shifts from the OCO account to the Enduring account, totaling -\$55.3 million, including: -\$7.3 million for American Salaries; -\$12.6 million for armored vehicles; -\$6.2 million for equipment; -\$8.3 million for other support/operations; -\$7.0 million for Regional Security operations such as post-held premiums and danger pay; -\$13.8 million for physical and technical security; and -\$54,000 for training specific to preparing for and responding to biological/chemical attacks.