

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The President's FY2012 budget requests \$8.8 billion in discretionary funding for the Department of Commerce, an increase of \$5.1 billion from the 2010 enacted level. Much of the increase in discretionary spending is in support of creating jobs and increasing U.S. exports. The increases were in the Economic Development Administration, International Trade Administration and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. There were also significant decreases in the Census Bureau and non essential programs like the Emergency Steel Loan Guarantee program, the Public Telecommunications Facilities Grant program and the Baldrige Performance Excellence program.

### Budget Highlights

#### Economic Development Administration (EDA)

EDA assists states, regions and communities in promoting a favorable business environment through capacity building, planning, infrastructure investments, research grants, and initiatives. The President's FY2012 budget proposes funding EDA at \$325 million. This is an increase of \$32 million from 2010, which will support planning, capacity building and capital projects. This year's budget proposal focuses efforts on supporting more regional programs like the new Regional Innovation Program authorized in the America COMPETES Reauthorization Act.

#### International Trade Administration (ITA)

ITA provides support to U.S. commercial interests through a variety of activities including strengthening the competitiveness of American industries and workers, promoting trade and investment, and ensuring compliance with both domestic and international trade laws and agreements. The President's FY2012 budget requests \$517 million for ITA, an increase of \$70 million from 2010. This significant increase is due to the President's commitment to double U.S. exports over five years through the National Export Initiative.

<b>Program</b>	<b>2010 Actual</b> (in millions)	<b>Continuing</b> <b>Resolution</b> (in millions)	<b>FY2012</b> (in millions)
Economic Development Administration	\$293	\$293	\$325
- Economic Development Assistance Programs	\$307	\$255	\$284
o Trade Adjustment Assistance	\$17	\$16	\$0
o Regional Innovation Program	\$0	\$0	\$40
International Trade Administration	\$447	\$447	\$517

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