

Immigration and Naturalization Service
Construction
(Dollars in Thousands)

	<u>Perm.</u> <u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1999 actuals.....	70	35	\$78,094
2000 appropriation.....	72	71	99,664
Government-wide .38% rescission pursuant to P.L. 106-113.....	---	---	(2)
2000 appropriation.....	72	71	99,662
Increases (see p. 112)	479
Decreases: Nonrecurring program costs.....	---	---	(66,141)
2001 base.....	72	71	34,000
Program changes (detailed below).....	<u>21</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>77,135</u>
2001 estimate.....	93	81	111,135

<u>Comparison by activity and program</u>	<u>2000 Appropriation</u>			<u>2001 Base</u>			<u>2001 Estimate</u>			<u>Increase/Decrease</u>		
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Immigration Support:												
Construction and Engineering.....	72	71	\$99,662	72	71	\$34,000	93	81	\$111,135	21	10	\$77,135

<u>Program Changes</u>	<u>Perm.</u> <u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Real Property Repair and Alterations Program.....	21	10	\$2,000

The requested staffing (21 positions) will enable INS to better manage maintenance and repair projects at INS facilities. Congress has funded many Border Patrol stations, Service Processing Centers (SPCs), Border Patrol checkpoints, and numerous border barrier projects. Normal maintenance and repair requirements are necessary to keep these facilities in operational condition. These new positions will be deployed to the 9 southwest border Border Patrol Sectors, thereby establishing the position of Facility Management

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Officer at each location, charged with overall facility management responsibilities. Additionally, positions will be deployed to SPCs, ensuring that there is an adequate ability to undertake a multitude of maintenance and repair requirements, particularly as there are increasing levels of detainees being processed through these detention facilities. The benefit gained from establishing these positions in the field is that the useful life of new, and recently constructed facilities, can be extended because routine preventive maintenance, and timely repairs, will be performed as needed. This follows the Bureau of Prisons model.

Border Patrol Construction.....	\$50,302
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Border Patrol agent growth continues to strain capacity at existing Border Patrol facilities at many locations along the border. While considerable levels of Construction program resources have been appropriated, still more new facilities must be constructed to accommodate continued agent growth, and to continue the replacement of deteriorating and antiquated facilities. The FY 2001 Border Patrol Construction request will allow INS to begin the construction phase on those projects for which planning and design resources were appropriated in FY 2000, commence the planning phase for the next set of priority projects, and augment the existing inventory of enforcement infrastructure, such as border barriers and highway checkpoint systems, which have proven to be valuable enforcement assets.

Full Construction Projects (\$45,778,000) --

Tucson, AZ, Border Patrol Station -- \$500,000
 Rio Grande City, TX, Border Patrol Station -- \$3,837,000
 Hebbronville, TX, Border Patrol Station -- \$1,955,000
 El Centro, CA, Border Patrol Station -- \$4,000,000
 Yuma, AZ, Border Patrol Station -- \$4,000,000
 Douglas, AZ, Border Patrol Station -- \$8,000,000
 Temecula, CA, Border Patrol Station -- \$5,373,000
 Campo, CA, Border Patrol Station -- \$5,000,000
 Yuma, AZ, Border Patrol Station -- \$5,133,000
 Sanderson, TX, Border Patrol Station -- \$3,880,000
 Laredo, Del Rio, TX, Checkpoints (2) -- \$800,000
 Border Barriers (San Diego, CA) -- \$3,300,000

Planning/Site Acquisition/Design (\$4,524,000) --

El Cajon, CA, Border Patrol Station -- \$307,000
 McAllen, TX, Border Patrol Station -- \$813,000
 Port Isabel, TX, Border Patrol Station -- \$500,000
 El Paso, TX, Border Patrol Station -- \$865,000
 Eagle Pass, TX, Border Patrol Station -- \$834,000
 McAllen, TX, Sector HQ -- \$685,000
 Tucson, AZ, Sector HQ -- \$520,000

For the "Full Construction Projects" listed above, the target completion dates are estimated for the first quarter of FY 2002. For the "Planning/Site Acquisition/Design" projects, should resources be appropriated in FY 2001, and construction phase resources be appropriated in FY 2002, INS estimates that the Planning/Design projects listed above would be completed as early as the first quarter of FY 2003.

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With respect to the resource request for Border Barriers cited above (\$3,300,000), INS seeks to continue development of the San Diego, CA, Border Barrier System, which is a continuous system of fences, roads and lighting. This system, begun in 1996, calls for a multi-year, phased-construction approach to securing the 14 mile stretch of terrain between the Pacific Ocean and the foothills of Otay Mountain. This is a stretch of land targeted by both drug and alien smugglers.

Detention Facility Construction.....	\$24,833
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A total of \$24,833,000 is requested to support the planning and construction of additional detention bed space, as well as to address expansion requirements at existing facilities. The total number of apprehended illegal aliens consistently exceeds available detention space due to many factors: average length-of-stay per detainee; lack of reliable bedspace availability; and the success of INS Inspectors, Investigators, and the Border Patrol in apprehending illegal border crossers. INS' Detention Program and its strategic use of detention will suffer if additional reliable bedspace is not created. In many INS Districts, contracting for detention space is not a viable option considering the remoteness of the locations in which INS operates, and the prospect that other law enforcement agencies also are seeking to use scarce state/local bedspace.

New Construction (\$20,700,000) --

San Pedro, CA, SPC (Facility Support Space) -- \$800,000
 Port Isabel, TX, SPC (400 new beds) -- \$6,400,000
 Port Isabel, TX, SPC (Facility Support Space) -- \$4,000,000
 Krome, FL, SPC (Admin/Support Space) -- \$9,500,000

Plan/Site/Design (\$4,133,000) --

Port Isabel, TX, SPC -- \$1,500,000
 Krome, FL, SPC -- \$1,184,000
 El Centro, CA, SPC -- \$300,000
 El Paso, TX, SPC -- \$1,149,000

The FY 2001 budget continues the multi-year Southwest border initiative at critical border points, such as El Paso and Port Isabel, TX, El Centro, CA, and in Florida. Successful border enforcement operations all along the border necessitate additional detention space, particularly at the INS-owned SPCs. Accompanying this detention bed increase is the need for support space, such as asylum offices, attorney-client rooms, and laundry space, sufficient to accommodate the increasing detainee levels. This FY 2001 detention construction request addresses some critical shortcomings at existing facilities that not only provides for better detainee management but also, will augment the safety of staff and the at-large detention population. Detention facility Master Site Plans, designed to lay out detention construction requirements, have been formulated for many of the SPCs, and now serve to guide the detention construction program.

Total Program Changes, INS Construction.....	21	10	77,135
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