

TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER COMPLIANCE FUND

(Dollars in thousands)

	<u>Perm.</u> <u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1999 actuals 1/.....	\$17,420
2000 appropriation.....	15,000
2001 base.....	15,000
Program changes (detailed below).....	105,000
2001 estimate.....	120,000

<u>Comparison by activity and program</u>	<u>2000 Appropriation</u>			<u>2001 Base</u>			<u>2001 Estimate</u>			<u>Increase/Decrease</u>		
	<u>Perm</u> <u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Perm</u> <u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Perm</u> <u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Perm</u> <u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Telecommunications Carrier Compliance Fund...	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$120,000	\$105,000

1/ In addition to the \$17,419,730 obligated from direct appropriations, \$2,580,270 of reimbursable resources were obligated in FY 1999. The total TCCF availability in FY 1999 was \$102,580,270 (\$60,000,000 from appropriated funding, \$40,000,000 provided through the DOJ Working Capital Fund, and \$2,580,270 provided from the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the U.S. Customs Service).

Program Changes

	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Telecommunications Carrier Compliance Fund (TCCF).....	\$105,000

The FY 2001 budget request includes an enhancement of **\$105,000,000** in direct appropriations for TCCF to continue reimbursing the telecommunications industry for certain eligible costs associated with modifications to their networks. In addition, **\$120,000,000** is being requested within the Department of Defense (DoD) appropriation to be made available to the TCCF through a reimbursable agreement between DoD and DOJ. The DoD resources are being requested in recognition of the contribution of CALEA to national security activities.

The Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (CALEA) (P.L. 103-414) authorizes the Attorney General to reimburse telecommunications carriers for costs associated with modifying digital equipment installed before January 1, 1995, in order that court-authorized wiretaps may be performed. To facilitate compliance by telecommunications carriers, CALEA authorized an appropriation of \$500,000,000 to pay for reasonable costs directly associated with modifying eligible equipment, facilities, and services to establish the necessary capabilities and capacities identified by law enforcement. The Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997 (P.L. 104-208) established the Department of Justice TCCF to make payments to telecommunications carriers, and extended eligibility for reimbursement to telecommunications equipment manufacturers, and providers of telecommunications support services. In addition to direct appropriations to the Fund, Congress authorized Federal agencies with law enforcement or intelligence responsibility to transfer to the Fund unobligated balances that are available until expended, upon compliance with congressional notification requirements.