

D&CP – OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Resource Summary (*\$ in thousands*)

Appropriations	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 CR	FY 2012 Request
Funds	47,785	47,785	73,915

Program Description

The Office of International Conferences (IO/C) manages U.S. participation in international conferences through the official accreditation of U.S. delegations to multilateral meetings. IO/C funds the participation of the Department of State in multilateral conferences. Costs include delegate travel and per diem; administrative costs associated with the Department’s component of U.S. delegations; and costs of conferences hosted by the U.S. The objective of the office is to ensure that the U.S. is represented by delegations that can best attain U.S. policy objectives through these vital diplomatic 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 important to the U.S. Meetings deal with important 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; piracy; narcotics and crime; health; natural resources; vehicle safety standards; telecommunications; and international law. The U.S. also continues to promote and protect U.S. hemispheric interests through participation in meetings of the Organization of American States (OAS) 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, the G8 and G20 summits, International Maritime Organization, the signatories of the Antarctic Treaty, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) summit.

Active U.S. participation in these conferences is important. Otherwise, the U.S. risks losing its voice and influence in promoting and protecting key U.S. 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 regularly scheduled conferences involving substantial U.S. participation. These include the United Nations General Assembly and regular meetings of the UN subsidiary bodies and specialized agencies. These in turn include the Economic and Social Council and its commission, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Health Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Labor Organization, the G-8 Forum for the Future, and the International Telecommunications Union. The U.S. also participates as a member in the UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization meetings, as well as meetings of the UN Human Rights Council.

In addition to support for regularly scheduled conferences, 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 and the OAS General Assembly.

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Justification of Request

The Department’s FY 2012 request of \$73.915 million for the Office of International Conferences maintains current services and includes \$173,000 in efficiency savings. The current service level includes approximately \$48 million of base resources for activities associated with U.S. participation in international conferences, including costs associated with hosting the APEC conference. The request represents an increase of \$26.15 million over the FY 2010 Actual level. A program increase of \$26.15 million will provide funds for the estimated FY 2012 expenses of hosting the NATO summit.

NATO Summit: \$26,150,000

The U.S. will host the 2012 NATO Summit; a firm location has not been announced. This meeting, which is not held as regularly as NATO ministerial meetings, serves as an important periodic opportunity for Heads of State and Heads of Government of NATO member countries to evaluate and provide strategic direction for Alliance activities. NATO summits are critical junctures in the alliance’s decision-making process at the highest level. Summits are used to introduce new policy, invite new members into the alliance, launch major new initiatives, and build partnerships with non-NATO countries. Site selection is still underway and expected to be completed in spring 2011. Resources requested will support costs associated with the rental facilities to hold the conference, facility staging, and travel and transportation expenses in addition to other administrative support services.

Resource Summary

	Positions				Pos Total	Funds (\$ in thousands)		
	American		Overseas	FSN		Bureau Managed	American Salaries	Funds Total
	CS	FS Dom						
FY 2010 Actual	0	0	0	0	0	47,785	0	47,785
FY 2011 CR	0	0	0	0	0	47,785	0	47,785
FY 2012 Built-in Changes								
Efficiency Savings	0	0	0	0	0	(173)	0	(173)
Domestic Inflation	0	0	0	0	0	153	0	153
Total Built-in Changes	0	0	0	0	0	(20)	0	(20)
FY 2012 Current Services	0	0	0	0	0	47,765	0	47,765
FY 2012 Program Changes								
NATO Summit	0	0	0	0	0	26,150	0	26,150
Total Program Changes	0	0	0	0	0	26,150	0	26,150
FY 2012 Request	0	0	0	0	0	73,915	0	73,915

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Funds by Program Activity (\$ in thousands)

Office of International Conferences	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 CR	FY 2012 Request
Domestic Administrative Support	47,785	47,785	73,915
Total	47,785	47,785	73,915

Program Activities

Office of International Conferences (OIC)	Positions			Funds (\$ in thousands)			
	American		FSN	Pos Total	Bureau Managed	Funds	
	Domestic	Overseas				Salaries	Total
Domestic Administrative Support	0	0	0	0	73,915	0	73,915
Total	0	0	0	0	73,915	0	73,915

Funds by Object Class (\$ in thousands)

Office of International Conferences	FY 2010 Actual	FY 2011 CR	FY 2012 Request
1100 Personnel Compensation	5,355	3,981	6,204
1200 Personnel Benefits	457	284	441
2100 Travel & Trans of Persons	23,702	4,527	7,005
2300 Rents, Comm & Utilities	3,059	21,215	32,770
2500 Other Services	13,025	12,242	18,933
2600 Supplies and Materials	2,187	5,536	8,562
Total	47,785	47,785	73,915