

## Federal Aviation Administration

**Overview:** The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) mission is to promote aviation safety and mobility by: building, maintaining, and operating the Nation's air traffic control system; overseeing commercial and general aviation safety through regulation and inspection; and providing assistance to improve the capacity and safety of our airports. The 2004 budget request for the FAA reflects the Administration's strong commitment to increase the performance and capacity of our aviation system. The total FAA FY 2004 request of \$14 billion is approximately 3 percent higher than FAA's budget resources in FY 2003.

### FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

(Dollars In Millions)

	2002 <sup>1/</sup> Actual	2003 <sup>2/</sup> Request	2004 <sup>2/</sup> Request
Operations	6,877	7,077	7,591
Emergency Supplemental	200	0	0
Facilities & Equipment	2,912	2,981	2,916
Emergency Supplemental	108	0	0
Research, Engineering, and Development	195	124	100
Emergency Supplemental	50	0	0
Airport Grants (Ob Lim)	3,300	3,400	3,400
Emergency Supplemental	175	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,818</b>	<b>13,582</b>	<b>14,007</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Includes emergency supplementals, but not FY 2001 balances from the Emergency Response Fund (\$393 million for Operations, \$87.5 million for F&E, and \$50 million for the Aviation Insurance Revolving Fund).

<sup>2/</sup> Excludes estimated accrual payments for civil service retirement and health benefits.



## FY 2004 Budget

**Operations:** The President's FY 2004 budget requests \$7.6 billion for FAA Operations, a 7.3 percent increase over FY 2003.

Most of the funds requested for FAA Operations in FY 2004 support the goal of maintaining and increasing aviation safety, reflecting the President's commitment in this area. Other significant amounts support mobility and homeland and national security.

<b>FAA OPERATIONS</b>					
(Dollars in Millions)					
	Safety	Mobility	Homeland and National Security	Other	Total
FY 2003 Request	6,690	241	93	53	7,077
FY 2004 Request	7,137	254	145	54	7,591

- **Safety** - The President's FY 2004 budget requests \$7.1 billion to keep American aviation safe. This includes all funding for inspecting aircraft and ensuring the safety of flight procedures. It also includes funding for operating and maintaining the air traffic control system (including most of the salary and benefits cost for an estimated 18,287 air traffic control workforce and 9,267 system maintenance technician staff), funding for Commercial Space Transportation, and a share of agency overhead support costs. For FY 2004, the President proposes to enhance safety with \$17 million in discretionary increases to hire an additional 302 air traffic controllers in anticipation of a surge in retirements, expand selected safety programs such as Safer Skies, and hire an additional 20 aviation safety staff to monitor safety performance of airlines.

The President also requests funds to cover the operation and maintenance of new air traffic control equipment and to develop a replacement air traffic data and telecommunications system. In addition, the President's budget requests that the funds for the Hazardous Materials program, a safety program, be transferred back to the FAA instead of remaining in the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) budget, where it was transferred in the FY 2003 budget request.

- **Mobility** - The President's FY 2004 budget request provides \$254 million to improve aviation efficiency. In addition to mandatory pay and non-pay increases, this includes \$5 million in additional funds to improve the flow of air traffic through such efforts as airspace redesign.
- **Homeland and National Security** - The President's FY 2004 budget request provides \$145 million for homeland and national security. This includes funds to hire 26 controllers to work with the Department of Defense to better manage and secure the national airspace.
- **Other** - The President's FY 2004 budget request provides \$54 million to promote other goals, most notably organizational excellence and reductions in aviation noise.

**Facilities and Equipment:** The 2004 budget requests \$2.9 billion to continue to improve and modernize the equipment central to the National Airspace System (NAS). The request includes:

- Safety - \$538 million for projects that support safety performance goals to reduce aviation fatalities, such as improvements to weather sensing and reporting systems, safety information databases and computer systems to assist safety inspections, improvements to flight services for general aviation, and runway incursion research and new technology.
- Homeland and National Security - \$88 million for projects to support security goals, including \$42 million for security of NAS facilities and \$12 million for information security.
- Mobility - \$2.3 billion for projects to support mobility goals to reduce aircraft delays, such as replacement of older radars, new automation for terminal control facilities, Free Flight and oceanic automation to improve flight route flexibility, and significant infrastructure improvements to reduce outages caused by older, less capable facilities and equipment.
- Environment - \$32 million for projects to support environmental performance goals, such as replacing fuel tanks at FAA facilities, removing environmental hazards, and cleaning up hazardous materials at identified sites.

**Research, Engineering, and Development:** \$100 million, which includes \$95 million for continued research on aviation safety issues. The remaining research funding is for environmental issues and support of the FAA laboratories.

**Grants-in-Aid for Airports:** \$3.4 billion for planning and development of the Nation's airports, including grants for security, safety, capacity, and noise-reduction projects. Funding includes \$70 million for administrative expenses and \$17 million for airport-related technology research.



**FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT**

(Dollars in Millions)

<b><i>Safety</i></b>	
New & Improved Weather System	17.1
Terminal Business Unit	137.6
Safety Database and Computer Systems	30.5
Safe Flight 21	30.3
Advanced Technology	13.6
Communication Systems	111.5
Lighting Systems	14.2
Flight Service Station Automation Systems	25.5
Other (including mission support)	75.5
Personnel compensation, benefits, and travel	82.8
<b><i>Security</i></b>	
Facility Risk Management	41.6
NAS Recovery Communications	12.0
Information Security	11.5
Other (including mission support)	9.1
Personnel compensation, benefits, and travel	13.5
<b><i>Mobility</i></b>	
Free Flight Phase 1	37.4
Free Flight Phase 2	113.1
Oceanic Automation	69.0
Navigation and Landing Aids	201.5
En Route Automation	347.7
Terminal Business Unit	458.1
Improve Communications Systems	166.2
Advanced Technology	13.2
Other (including mission support)	504.1
Personnel compensation, benefits, and travel	347.2
<b><i>Environment</i></b>	
Replace Fuel Tanks	5.6
Hazardous Materials Clean-Up	19.0
Other (including mission support)	2.7
Personnel compensation, benefits, and travel	5.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,916.0</b>