

# HOMELAND SECURITY

## The President's 2008 Budget will secure the homeland by:

- Prioritizing comprehensive immigration reform;
- Protecting all modes of transportation from attacks by terrorists;
- Preparing the Nation for public health emergencies;
- Protecting the homeland from nuclear threats and improving chemical security; and
- Providing a stronger federal response to all hazards, including acts of terrorism.

**Prioritizing comprehensive immigration reform:** The Administration is dedicated to comprehensive reform of America's immigration laws by increasing border security and interior enforcement, and working with Congress to establishing a Temporary Worker Program without animosity and without amnesty.

## The 2008 Budget makes good on the President's commitment to tighten security at our borders:

- Hiring 3,000 new Border Patrol agents: \$3.6 billion, an increase of 27 percent over 2007 Budget to continue the President's efforts to double the size of the Border Patrol.
- Secure Border Initiative (SBI): One billion dollars to secure our borders and reduce illegal immigration through comprehensive upgrading of technology and infrastructure used in controlling our border.
- Maintaining the end of "Catch and Release": \$2.2 billion to detain and remove those apprehended while in the United States illegally.
- Partnering with state and local law enforcement:
  - \$78 million, a \$26 million increase for the 287 (g) program, will provide funding to train state and local law enforcement officials to assist in immigration enforcement.
  - \$179 million, a \$29 million increase, for the Criminal Alien Program for identifying criminal aliens in Federal, State and local prisons and removing them from the country.
- Basic Pilot Program: \$30 million to support and expand the voluntary web-based program that helps U.S. employers verify the employment eligibility of employees and avoid hiring an unauthorized worker.
- Better screening techniques:
  - U.S.-VISIT: \$462 million to enhance the Federal Government's screening abilities by expediting the entry and exit of legal travelers, while focusing on identifying travelers who seek to harm the United States. Includes \$228 million to identify visitors and to assist with law enforcement investigations by collecting 10 fingerprints at the Nation's ports of entry and to begin the implement a biometric exit program.

## Protecting All Modes of Transportation:

- Transportation Security Administration (TSA): \$6.3 billion to manage security risks to the U.S. transportation systems while ensuring freedom of movement of people and commerce. These resources will primarily strengthen aviation transportation systems through improved technology and highly trained personnel.
  - Over \$865 million for advanced technologies to detect explosives in the aviation environment, including explosives on passengers, in their baggage, and in air cargo.

- Port Security: Nearly \$3 billion to enhance the security of U.S. ports through enhanced systems, assets, and training.
  - \$531 million for cargo security initiatives including, the Container Security Initiative, Customs Trade Partnership against Terrorism, Automated Commercial Environment (ACE, Megaports, and the Secure Freight Initiative.
  - \$97 million for Maritime Domain Awareness activities including intelligence collection and analysis through the Global Maritime Intelligence Integration, system's architecture and ship tracking systems like Automated Information Systems (AIS).
  - \$210 million for Port Security Grants to the owners and operators of ports, terminals, and vessels for security enhancements at the Nation's seaports.
- State and local transportation security: \$196 million to fund projects which enhance security on mass transit, passenger bus and rail, and highways nationwide.
  - \$175 million for Transit Security Grants to mass transit systems in high-risk urban areas for preparedness activities related to terrorism or other incidents.
  - \$12 million for Intercity Bus Security Grants to owners/ operators of fixed-route, intercity bus services serving high-risk urban areas.
  - \$9 million for Trucking Industry Security Grants which support the Highway Watch Program's preparedness activities on the Nation's highways.

#### **Preparing the Nation for public health emergencies:**

- Protecting the Nation from bio-terror and other public health emergencies: Nearly \$4.3 billion in the Department of Health and Human Services to improve the Nation's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from bio-terror attacks and other public health emergencies.
  - \$2.5 billion to research, develop and acquire countermeasures to harmful agents.
  - Public health emergency preparedness: Expands Federal public health emergency preparedness capabilities and capacities.
  - \$1.1 billion in upgrades for State and local governments and hospitals so they can better manage bio-terror and other public health emergencies.
- Protecting against an influenza pandemic: \$870 million to improve preparedness for an influenza pandemic including the development of a pandemic vaccine and buying antiviral medications and medical supplies for stockpiles.
  - \$322 million in addition pandemic preparedness funding for influenza pandemic preparedness through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health, the Food and Drug Administration and the HHS Office of the Secretary.

#### **Protecting the homeland from nuclear threats and improving chemical security:**

- Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO): \$562 million, a 17 percent increase over 2007, to deploy systems to detect, report and respond to any attempt to import or assemble a nuclear or radiological materials within the United States.
  - \$178 million to deploy fixed and mobile radiation monitors at high-risk points of entry throughout the country.
- Securing the Cities: \$30 million for a new initiative to improve DNDO's ability to detect nuclear or radiological materials in and around the Nation's biggest cities and busiest seaports.
- Secure Freight Initiative: Enhances overseas nuclear and radiological screening of U.S. - bound containers. An additional \$25 million will enhance security measures at high-risk chemical facilities to protect against terrorist attacks.

- Chemical Security: Seeks an additional \$25 million to enhance security measures at high-risk chemical facilities and protect against terrorist attacks.

### **Providing a Stronger Federal Response**

As a result of the President's initiative to conduct an in-depth review of the Federal response to Hurricane Katrina and implement the National Strategy for Homeland Security, the Administration proposes several enhancements to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to better prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from all hazards, including acts of terrorism.

- The Budget reflects the transfer of several preparedness missions to be better coordinated with operational personnel and State and local governments through FEMA regions.
- The Budget proposes an additional \$100 million for enhancements in FEMA operational capabilities, including a revitalization of personnel development, recruitment, and retention.