

U. S. Department of Labor
Employment and Training Administration
Fiscal Year 2002 Conference Appropriations Action
Summary Of Significant Items

On December 18, 2001, the Conferees completed action on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 appropriation bill for Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies. The Conferees provided a discretionary appropriation for ETA of \$10.7 billion, an increase of \$531 million, or 5.2%, above the President's request. The bill includes a general provision further reducing administrative expenses for agencies. The distribution of this reduction has been determined separately by the Office of Management and Budget for each account.

Additional funding for the Department related to the September 11 terrorist attacks is included in the FY 2002 Department of Defense appropriation and is summarized below.

The Conferees provided \$2.5 billion in advance funding needed for the Training and Employment Services account for obligation in Fiscal Year 2003, as they did last year. This means that TES funds for Adults, Dislocated Workers, and Job Corps, which have been available on a program year basis from July 1 to June 30, will be funded for one quarter in FY 2002, while funds for the October 1 to June 30 period are advance funded for FY 2003. The Conferees denied the request to eliminate advance appropriations.

Adult Employment and Training: This program is funded at \$950 million, an increase of \$50 million, or 6%, above the President's request and the same level as 2001. It is estimated that 428,000 participants can be served by the Conferees' allowance.

Dislocated Worker Employment and Training Activities: This program is funded at \$1.549 billion, an increase of \$166 million, or 12%, above the request; and an increase of \$111 million, or 8%, above 2001. It is estimated that 937,000 participants can be served by the Conferees' allowance.

In the Department of Defense appropriation, and in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks, the Conferees provided \$32.5 million, for the Consortium for Worker Education established by the New York City Central Labor Council and the New York City Partnership, for an Emergency Employment Clearinghouse. The Administration requested \$2 billion in this area for Workforce Investment Act Dislocated Worker assistance, including assistance in making COBRA continuation coverage payments.

Youth Activities: This program is funded at \$1.128 billion, an increase of \$127 million, or 13%, above the request; and the same level as 2001. It is estimated that 476,000 participants can be served by the Conferees' allowance.

Youth Opportunity Grants: This program is funded at \$225 million, a decrease of \$25 million, or 10%, below the request and 2001. It is estimated that 53,000 participants can be served by the Conferees' allowance.

Job Corps: This program is funded at \$1.459 billion, an increase of \$60 million, or 4%, above the request and 2001. The increase includes \$50 million for operations and \$10 million for construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition. The latter is to be used for the first year costs for a minimum of two new centers.

Responsible Reintegration for Young Offenders: This initiative is funded at \$55 million, the same level as 2001. No funds were requested, as the 2001 appropriation was to have been spread over two years, 2001 and 2002. It is estimated that 14,000 participants can be served by the Conferees' allowance.

Pilots, Demonstrations, and Research: This effort is funded at \$98 million, an increase of \$63 million, or 179%, above the request; and about the same level as 2001. The increase is for 106 Congressionally-directed projects specified in report language.

Other National Programs: These programs are funded at \$166 million, which is \$6 million, or 4%, below the request and 2001. **Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers** is increased \$4 million to assure that grantees are held harmless at their 1998 levels and that \$4.8 million is set aside for housing. **Native Americans** is increased by \$2 million, including \$1.7 million for assisting American Samoans residing in Hawaii. Funding for the **National Skills Standards Board** is appropriated at the \$3.5 million level requested, but the obligational availability period is not one program year as requested, but rather is made available October 1, 2001, until expended.

Community Service Employment for Older Americans: This program is funded at \$445 million, an increase of \$4.9 million, or 1%, above the request and 2001. This level will support an estimated 93,000 participants.

Unemployment Insurance: This program is funded at \$2.414 billion, the same level as the request and a decrease of \$23 million, or 1%, below 2001.

In the FY 2002 Department of Defense appropriation, and in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks, the Conferees provided \$4.1 million, as requested by the Administration, for unemployment insurance claims taking; and replacement of space, equipment and furniture, both related to the terrorist attacks.

Employment Service and One Stop Career Centers: These programs received a level of \$987 million. This is a decrease of \$13 million, or less than 1%, below the request; and a decrease of \$29 million, or 3%, below 2001. The net decrease includes an increase of \$1 million, or 2%, in National Programs, and a decrease of \$14 million, or 10%, for One Stop Career Centers.

ETA Program Administration: The bill provides \$161.9 million, an increase of \$785 thousand, or less than 1%, above the request; and an increase of \$3 million, or 2%, above 2001.