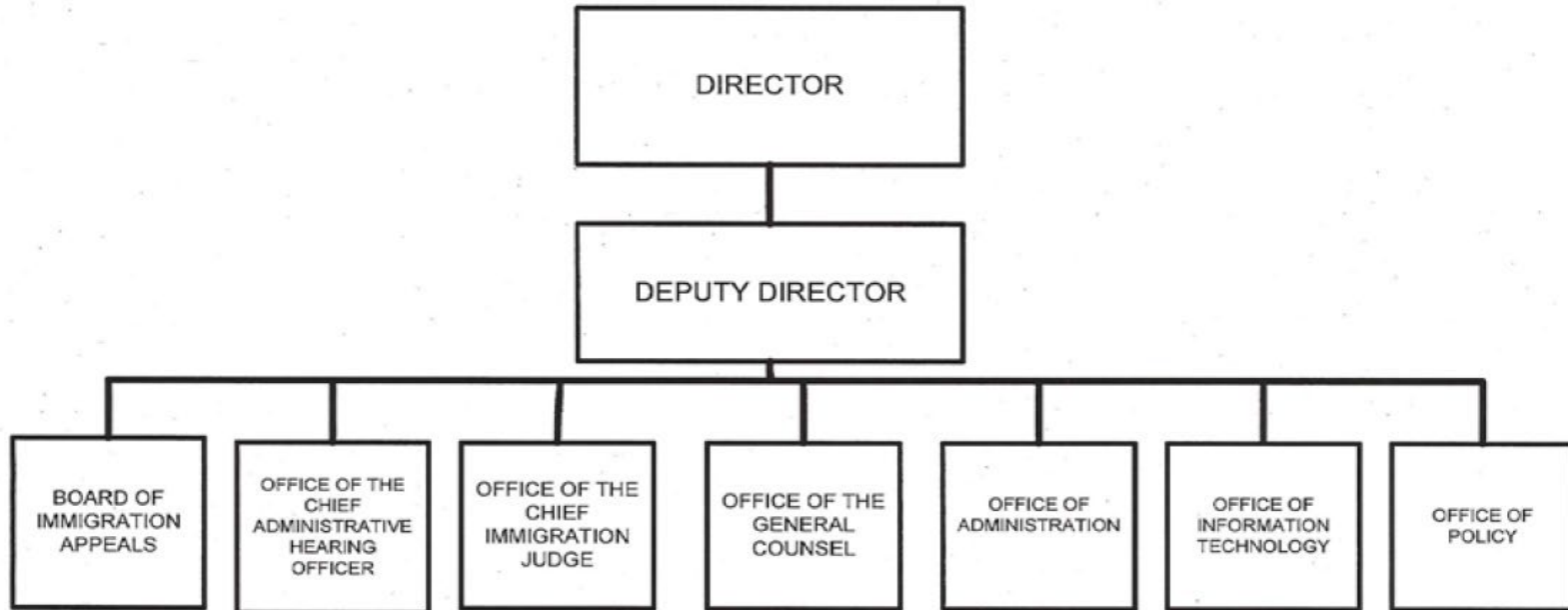


EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW



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B. Summary of Requirements

Summary of Requirements
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	FY 2024 Request		
	Positions	Estimate FTE	Amount
2022 Enacted 1/	3,785	2,415	760,000
Total 2022 Enacted	3,785	2,415	760,000
2023 Enacted	4,195	2,632	860,000
Technical Adjustments			
DHS Immigration Examination Fees - EOIR	0	0	-4,000
Total Technical Adjustments	0	0	-4,000
Base Adjustments			
Transfers:			
Transfers - DHS Immigration Examination Fee Account	0	0	4,000
Pay and Benefits	0	205	62,783
Domestic Rent and Facilities	0	0	9,340
Non-Personnel Related Annualizations	0	0	6,138
Total Base Adjustments	0	205	82,261
Total Technical and Base Adjustments	0	205	78,261
2024 Current Services	4,195	2,837	938,261
Program Changes			
Increases:			
Legal Representation	17	17	150,000
Backlog Reduction Initiative	948	948	367,055
Subtotal, Increases	965	965	517,055
Total Program Changes	965	965	517,055
2024 Total Request	5,160	3,802	1,455,316
2023 - 2024 Total Change	965	1,170	595,316

^{1/} FY 2022 FTE is actual

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Program Activity	FY 2022 Enacted			FY 2023 Enacted			FY 2024 Technical and Base Adjustments			FY 2024 Current Services		
	Positions	Actual FTE	Amount	Positions	Est. FTE	Amount	Positions	Est. FTE	Amount	Positions	Est. FTE	Amount
Executive Office for Immigration Review	3,785	2,415	760,000	4,195	2,632	860,000	0	205	78,261	4,195	2,837	938,261
Total Direct	3,785	2,415	760,000	4,195	2,632	860,000	0	205	78,261	4,195	2,837	938,261
Balance Rescission			0			0			0			0
Total Direct with Rescission			760,000			860,000			78,261			938,261
Reimbursable FTE		0			0			0			0	
Total Direct and Reimb. FTE		2,415			2,632			205			2,837	
Other FTE:												
LEAP		0			0			0			0	
Overtime		0			0			0			0	
Grand Total, FTE		2,415			2,632			205			2,837	

Program Activity	2024 Increases			2024 Offsets			2024 Request		
	Positions	Est. FTE	Amount	Positions	Est. FTE	Amount	Positions	Est. FTE	Amount
Executive Office for Immigration Review	965	965	517,055	0	0	0	5,160	3,802	1,455,316
Total Direct	965	965	517,055	0	0	0	5,160	3,802	1,455,316
Balance Rescission			0			0			0
Total Direct with Rescission			517,055			0			1,455,316
Reimbursable FTE		0			0			0	
Total Direct and Reimb. FTE		965			0			3,802	
Other FTE:									
LEAP		0			0			0	
Overtime		0			0			0	
Grand Total, FTE		965			0			3,802	

FY 2024 Program Increases/Offsets by Decision Unit
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Program Increases	Location of Description by Program Activity	Executive Office for Immigration Review				Total Increases			
		Positions	Agt./Atty.	Est. FTE	Amount	Positions	Agt./Atty.	Est. FTE	Amount
Legal Representation	p. 27	17	6	17	150,000	17	6	17	150,000
Backlog Reduction Initiative	p. 21	948	387	948	367,055	948	387	948	367,055
Total Program Increases		965	393	965	517,055	965	393	965	517,055

Program Offsets	Location of Description by Program Activity	Executive Office for Immigration Review				Total Offsets			
		Positions	Agt./Atty.	Est. FTE	Amount	Positions	Agt./Atty.	Est. FTE	Amount
No Program Offsets									
Total Program Offsets									

Resources by Department of Justice Strategic Goal and Objective

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Strategic Goal and Strategic Objective	FY 2022 Enacted		FY 2023 Enacted		FY 2024 Current Services		FY 2024 Increases		FY 2024 Offsets		FY 2024 Total Request	
	Direct & Reimb FTE	Direct Amount	Direct & Reimb FTE	Direct Amount	Direct & Reimb FTE	Direct Amount	Direct & Reimb FTE	Direct Amount	Direct & Reimb FTE	Direct Amount	Direct & Reimb FTE	Direct Amount
Goal 3 Protect Civil Rights												
3.4 Expand Equal Access to Justice.	0	36,286	0	41,286	0	41,286	17	150,000	0	0	17	191,286
Subtotal, Goal 3	0	36,286	0	41,286	0	41,286	17	150,000	0	0	17	191,286
Goal 5 Administer Just Court and Correctional Systems												
5.1 Administer an Equitable and Efficient Immigration Court System.	2,415	723,714	2,632	818,714	2,837	896,975	948	367,055	0	0	3,785	1,264,030
Subtotal, Goal 5	2,415	723,714	2,632	818,714	2,837	896,975	948	367,055	0	0	3,785	1,264,030
TOTAL	2,415	760,000	2,632	860,000	2,837	938,261	965	517,055	0	0	3,802	1,455,316

Justifications for Technical and Base Adjustments

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	Positions	Estimate FTE	Amount
Technical Adjustments			
1 DHS Immigration Examination Fees - EOIR DHS Immigration Examination Fees - EOIR	0	0	-4,000
Subtotal, Technical Adjustments	0	0	-4,000
Transfers			
1 Transfers - DHS Immigration Examination Fee Account Transfers - DHS Immigration Examination Fee Account	0	0	4,000
Subtotal, Transfers	0	0	4,000
Pay and Benefits			
1 <u>2024 Pay Raise - 5.2%</u> This request provides for a proposed 5.2 percent pay raise to be effective in January 2024. The amount requested, \$20,918, represents the pay amounts for 3/4 of the fiscal year plus appropriate benefits (\$16,107 for pay and \$4,811 for benefits).	0	0	20,918
2 <u>Annualization of 2022 Approved Positions</u> Personnel: This provides for the annualization of 24 new positions in 2022. Annualization of new positions extends up to 2 years to provide entry level funding in the first year, with a 1 year progression to a journeyman level. For 2024 increases, this request includes an increase of \$484 for full-year payroll costs associated with these additional positions.	0	0	484
3 <u>Annualization of 2023 Approved Positions</u> Personnel: This provides for the annualization of 410 new positions in 2023. Annualization of new positions extends up to 2 years to provide entry level funding in the first year, with a 1 year progression to a journeyman level. For 2024 increases, this request includes an increase of \$34,559 for full-year payroll costs associated with these additional positions.	0	205	34,559

Justifications for Technical and Base Adjustments

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	Positions	Estimate FTE	Amount
<p>4 <u>Annualization of 2023 Pay Raise</u> This pay annualization represents first quarter amounts (October through December) of the 2023 pay increase of 4.6%. The amount requested, \$4,676, represents the pay amounts for 1/4 of the fiscal year plus appropriate benefits (\$3,592 for pay and \$1,084 for benefits.)</p>	0	0	4,676
<p>5 <u>Changes in Compensable Days</u> The increased cost for one additional compensable day in FY 2024 compared to FY 2023. \$1,594 is required for one additional day.</p>	0	0	1,594
<p>6 <u>Employees Compensation Fund</u> The \$30 request reflects anticipated changes in payments to the Department of Labor for injury benefits under the Federal Employee Compensation Act.</p>	0	0	30
<p>7 <u>Health Insurance</u> Effective January 2024, the component's contribution to Federal employee's health insurance increases by 2.5 percent. Applied against the 2023 estimate of \$21,976, the additional amount required is \$522.</p>	0	0	522
Subtotal, Pay and Benefits	0	205	62,783
Domestic Rent and Facilities			
<p>1 <u>GSA Rent</u> GSA will continue to charge rental rates that approximate those charged to commercial tenants for equivalent space and related services. The requested increase of \$148 is required to meet our commitment to GSA. The costs associated with GSA rent were derived through the use of an automated system, which uses the latest inventory data, including rate increases to be effective FY 2024 for each building currently occupied by Department of Justice components, as well as the costs of new space to be occupied.</p>	0	0	148
<p>2 <u>Guard Service</u> This includes Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Protective Service charges, Justice Protective Service charges and other security services across the country. The requested increase of \$868 is required to meet these commitments.</p>	0	0	868
<p>3 <u>Moves - Lease Expiration</u> GSA requires all agencies to pay relocation costs associated with lease expirations. This request provides for the costs associated with new office relocations caused by the expiration of leases in FY 2024.</p>	0	0	8,324

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	Positions	Estimate FTE	Amount
Subtotal, Domestic Rent and Facilities	0	0	9,340
Non-Personnel Related Annualizations			
1 Annualization of FY 2023 Non-Personnel Enhancements	0	0	6,138
Annualization of FY 2023 Non-Personnel Enhancements			
Subtotal, Non-Personnel Related Annualizations	0	0	6,138
TOTAL DIRECT TECHNICAL and BASE ADJUSTMENTS	0	205	78,261

Crosswalk of 2022 Availability
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Program Activity	FY 2022 Enacted			Reprogramming/Transfers			Carryover	Recoveries/ Refunds	FY 2022 Availability		
	Position s	Actual FTE	Amount	Position s	Actual FTE	Amount	Amount	Amount	Position s	Actual FTE	Amount
Executive Office for Immigration Review	3,785	2,415	760,000	0	0	20,000	7,092	3,303	3,785	2,415	790,395
Total Direct	3,785	2,415	760,000	0	0	20,000	7,092	3,303	3,785	2,415	790,395
Balance Rescission			0			0	0	0			0
Total Direct with Rescission			760,000			20,000	7,092	3,303			790,395
Reimbursable FTE		0			0					0	
Total Direct and Reimb. FTE		2,415			0					2,415	
Other FTE:											
LEAP FTE		0			0					0	
Overtime		0			0					0	
Grand Total, FTE		2,415			0					2,415	

Reprogramming/Transfers:

Amount transferred to no-year account from expired unobligated balances of annual funding

Carryover:

Actual carryover from FY 2021 to FY 2022

Recoveries/Refunds:

Amount of prior year recoveries

Crosswalk of 2023 Availability
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Program Activity	FY 2023 Enacted			Reprogramming/Transfers			Carryover	Recoveries/ Refunds	FY 2023 Availability		
	Position s	Est. FTE	Amount	Position s	Est. FTE	Amount	Amount	Amount	Position s	Est. FTE	Amount
Executive Office for Immigration Review	4,195	2,632	860,000	0	0	10,400	22,299	3,200	4,195	2,632	895,899
Total Direct	4,195	2,632	860,000	0	0	10,400	22,299	3,200	4,195	2,632	895,899
Balance Rescission			0			0	0	0			0
Total Direct with Rescission			860,000			10,400	22,299	3,200			895,899
Reimbursable FTE		0			0					0	
Total Direct and Reimb. FTE		2,632			0					2,632	
Other FTE:											
LEAP FTE		0			0					0	
Overtime		0			0					0	
Grand Total, FTE		2,632			0					2,632	

Reprogramming/Transfers:

Anticipated amounts transferred to no-year account (\$6.0 million) and multi-year account (\$4.4 million).

Carryover:

Actual carryover from FY 2022 to FY 2023

Recoveries/Refunds:

Anticipated prior year recoveries

Summary of Reimbursable Resources

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Collections by Source	2022 Actual			2023 Estimate			2024 Request			Increase/Decrease		
	Reimb. Pos.	Reimb. FTE	Amount	Reimb. Pos.	Reimb. FTE	Amount	Reimb. Pos.	Reimb. FTE	Amount	Reimb. Pos.	Reimb. FTE	Amount
Department of Homeland Security	0	0	4,999	0	0	20,500	0	0	20,500	0	0	0
Federal Bureau of Investigation	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	1,000	0	0	1,000	0	0	0
Office of Attorney Recruitment/Management	0	0	6	0	0	9	0	0	9	0	0	0
Budgetary Resources	0	0	5,005	0	0	21,516	0	0	21,516	0	0	0

Obligations by Program Activity	2022 Actual			2023 Estimate			2024 Request			Increase/Decrease		
	Reimb. Pos.	Reimb. FTE	Amount	Reimb. Pos.	Reimb. FTE	Amount	Reimb. Pos.	Reimb. FTE	Amount	Reimb. Pos.	Reimb. FTE	Amount
Executive Office for Immigration Review	0	0	5,005	0	0	21,516	0	0	21,516	0	0	0
Budgetary Resources	0	0	5,005	0	0	21,516	0	0	21,516	0	0	0

Detail of Permanent Positions by Category

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Category	FY 2022 Enacted		FY 2023 Enacted		FY 2024 Request				
	Direct Pos.	Reimb. Pos.	Direct Pos.	Reimb. Pos.	ATBs	Program Increases	Program Offsets	Total Direct Pos.	Total Reimb. Pos.
Miscellaneous Operations (001-099)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Security Specialists (080)	20	0	20	0	0	0	0	20	0
Human Resources Management (0200-0260)	23	0	23	0	0	0	0	23	0
Clerical and Office Services (0300-0399)	864	0	864	0	0	0	0	864	0
Accounting and Budget (500-599)	13	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	0
Paralegals / Other Law (900-998)	1,011	0	1,123	0	0	247	0	1,370	0
Attorneys (905)	1,635	0	1,785	0	0	393	0	2,178	0
Information & Arts (1000-1099)	133	0	133	0	0	0	0	133	0
Business & Industry (1100-1199)	14	0	14	0	0	0	0	14	0
Library (1400-1499)	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0
Statistician (1530)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Investigation (1800-1899)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Supply Services (2000-2099)	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0
Information Technology Mgmt (2210-2299)	60	0	63	0	0	0	0	63	0
Others	0	0	145	0	0	325	0	470	0
Total	3,785	0	4,195	0	0	965	0	5,160	0
Headquarters Washington D.C.	804	0	828	0	0	214	0	1,042	0
US Fields	2,981	0	3,367	0	0	751	0	4,118	0
Foreign Field	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	3,785	0	4,195	0	0	965	0	5,160	0

Financial Analysis of Program Changes

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Grades	Executive Office for Immigration Review				Total Program Changes	
	Program Increases		Program Decreases		Positions	Amount
	Positions	Amount	Positions	Amount		
IJ 1-4	150	26,250	0	0	150	26,250
GS-13	17	2,210	0	0	17	2,210
GS-12	551	60,610	0	0	551	60,610
GS-7	247	15,314	0	0	247	15,314
Total Positions and Annual Amount	965	104,384	0	0	965	104,384
Lapse (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.5 - Other personnel compensation		1,954		0		1,954
Total FTEs and Personnel Compensation	965	106,338	0	0	965	106,338
12.1 - Civilian personnel benefits		34,182		0		34,182
21.0 - Travel and transportation of persons		2,674		0		2,674
22.0 - Transportation of things		260		0		260
23.1 - Rental payments to GSA		7,640		0		7,640
23.2 - Rental payments to others		569		0		569
23.3 - Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges		6,871		0		6,871
24.0 - Printing and reproduction		301		0		301
25.1 - Advisory and assistance services		3,054		0		3,054
25.2 - Other services from non-federal sources		34,453		0		34,453
25.3 - Other goods and services from federal sources		10,962		0		10,962
25.4 - Operation and maintenance of facilities		903		0		903
25.7 - Operation and maintenance of equipment		10,929		0		10,929
26.0 - Supplies and materials		2,113		0		2,113
31.0 - Equipment		37,254		0		37,254
32.0 - Land and structures		112,500		0		112,500
41.0 - Grants, subsidies, and contributions		146,052		0		146,052
Total Program Change Requests	965	517,055	0	0	965	517,055

K. Summary of Requirements by Object Class

Summary of Requirements by Object Class

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Object Class	FY 2022 Actual		FY 2023 Enacted		FY 2024 Request		Increase/Decrease	
	Act. FTE	Amount	Direct FTE	Amount	Direct FTE	Amount	Direct FTE	Amount
11.1 - Full-time permanent	2,415	245,995	2,632	278,608	3,802	417,255	1,170	138,647
11.3 - Other than full-time permanent	0	42,899	0	53,335	0	79,793	0	26,458
11.5 - Other personnel compensation	0	4,301	0	6,523	0	9,670	0	3,147
<i>Overtime</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Other Compensation</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11.8 - Special personal services payments	0	-22	0	8	0	9	0	1
Total	2,415	293,173	2,632	338,474	3,802	506,727	1,170	168,253
Other Object Classes								
12.1 - Civilian personnel benefits		106,126		105,087		140,137	0	35,050
13.0 - Benefits for former personnel		120		105		105	0	0
21.0 - Travel and transportation of persons		1,139		4,049		6,723	0	2,674
22.0 - Transportation of things		921		1,474		10,058	0	8,584
23.1 - Rental payments to GSA		62,959		80,000		87,788	0	7,788
23.2 - Rental payments to others		878		1,031		1,600	0	569
23.3 - Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges		5,561		12,265		19,136	0	6,871
24.0 - Printing and reproduction		489		802		1,103	0	301
25.1 - Advisory and assistance services		105,921		109,534		99,971	0	-9,563
25.2 - Other services from non-federal sources		36,078		71,870		113,401	0	41,531
25.3 - Other goods and services from federal sources		8,862		16,001		24,140	0	8,139
25.4 - Operation and maintenance of facilities		38,731		36,927		28,698	0	-8,229
25.7 - Operation and maintenance of equipment		75,408		75,424		78,353	0	2,929
26.0 - Supplies and materials		2,224		4,484		6,597	0	2,113
31.0 - Equipment		19,563		37,376		71,231	0	33,855
32.0 - Land and structures		0		0		112,500	0	112,500
41.0 - Grants, subsidies, and contributions		0		0		21,052	0	21,052
42.0 - Insurance claims and indemnities		1,395		996		996	0	0
Total Obligations		759,548		895,899		1,330,316	0	434,417
Net of:								
Unobligated Balance, Start-of-Year		-7,092		-22,299		0	0	22,299
Transfers/Reprogramming		-20,000		-10,400		0	0	10,400
Recoveries/Refunds		-3,303		-3,200		0	0	3,200
Balance Rescission		0		0		0	0	0
Unobligated End-of-Year, Available		22,299		0		125,000	0	125,000
Unobligated End-of-Year, Expiring		8,548		0		0	0	0
Total Direct Requirements		760,000		860,000		1,455,316		595,316
Reimbursable FTE								
Full-Time Permanent	0		0		0		0	0

¹ Non-SES/SL/ST Salary

202,226

232,360

347,934

² Non-SES/SL/ST Award (FY 2022 = 2.5% of Salary, FY 2023 = 2.5% of Salary, FY 2024 = 2.5% of salary)

3,578

5,809

8,698

Status of Congressionally Requested Studies, Reports, and Evaluations

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1. Alternatives to Detention Program (ATD) - The Committee looks forward to receiving the briefing and analysis of alternatives directed in House Report 116–455 to improve the timeliness of re- solving cases before EOIR for individuals in the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) ATD program.
2. Disposition of EOIR Adjudications - EOIR is directed to coordinate with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to brief the Committees jointly, not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, about the steps that each agency takes to effectuate and enforce rulings made by EOIR immigration judges, once the case is considered final, and any challenges EOIR and DHS face in this process. EOIR is directed to provide to the Committees, within 90 days of the date of enactment of this Act and monthly thereafter, and in collaboration with DHS, a report that provides metrics on the number of final orders of removal issued by EOIR that have resulted in actual removals by DHS during the previous month. Such report shall separately identify any such order for which the law does not permit DHS to effectuate the removal within the period reported. The report shall describe instances where removals have not been effectuated due to external circumstances, such as recalcitrant countries or visa sanctions.
3. Expanded Courtroom Space - Within the amounts provided, the Committee provides \$75,000,000 for necessary build-out and modifications of courtroom space. The Committee recommends EOIR continue its ongoing work with the General Services Administration but encourages EOIR to also collaborate with DHS to explore co-location opportunities for DHS and DOJ components with immigration-related responsibilities. The Committee makes these funds available for five fiscal years to ensure EOIR makes a concerted effort to obligate these funds as quickly and efficiently as possible. The Committee expects information on these efforts will be captured in the monthly hiring report.
4. Information Technology Modernization - The agreement supports, within the funds provided, investments in information technology including efforts to improve EOIR's technology systems, such as ongoing development of its electronic case management system (ECAS), the digitization of older paper records, and the Virtual Court Initiative. EOIR is directed to keep the Committees apprised of these efforts in its quarterly reports.
5. Immigration Adjudication Performance and Reducing Case Backlog - The agreement adopts the directive in the House report to include more comprehensive staffing information for all positions that compose an immigration judge (IJ) team in its monthly staffing report. The agreement further directs the Department to submit a cost break out for an IJ team, which should include salary, position, interpretation contract costs, and rent and facility costs, in its fiscal year 2021 spending plan and future budget request materials. There should be a standardized baseline for what constitutes an IJ team cost that is clearly understood by the Committees, and when there are significant deviations from the baseline, EOIR shall include this in its quarterly report by court location with justification for the variance. EOIR is further directed to continue to make its hiring processes for new immigration judges publicly available, and to update its website within 30 days of any changes to hiring processes or rules.
6. Immigration Judge Training - The Committee is aware that EOIR is evaluating its training program and directs EOIR to update the Committee on any changes to the program following its review. Further, the Committee directs consistency in its training for all current and new immigration judge hires. EOIR is directed to review its training, to retrain all judges currently on a probationary period, and to increase the frequency and availability of training for immigration judges outside the probationary period. The Department is directed to ensure immigration judge training emphasizes due process, humanitarian protections, and cultural sensitivity and includes diverse training faculty, including from the private bar, the NGO community, and academia.
7. Immigration Judge Hiring - As part of the monthly reporting requirement, EOIR shall report on any IJs sent on a temporary basis to any court outside of their assigned location including the number of days designated for the temporary assignment, the location of the temporary assignment, and the IJs home location. The Committee directs EOIR to continue to submit monthly reports on performance and immigration judge hiring, as directed in the fiscal year 2022 Explanatory Statement, including additional information on the status of hiring sup- port personnel positions.

8. Resource Optimization Strategy - The recommendation includes funding for EOIR for its Adjudicatory Expansion Initiative in support of reducing the over 1.6 million case backlog, which includes the hiring of additional immigration judges and support personnel beyond the authorized staffing levels for fiscal year 2022. The Committee looks forward to receiving the briefing required on EOIR's resource optimization strategy as directed in House Report 117-97. The recommendation supports the continuation of an ongoing pilot associated with unaccompanied children and notes that all immigration judges are provided specialized training regarding the handling of cases involving children who are placed on a specialized docket, separate from adult cases, to provide appropriate safeguards and procedural due process.
9. Unified Immigration Portal (Information Technology IT Modernization) - The Committee understands that EOIR is in ongoing discussions with DHS regarding full implementation of the DHS-led Unified Immigration Portal (UIP) and understands that EOIR has raised data sharing and privacy concerns that require resolution prior to connecting to this system. The Committee notes that the overall costs for EOIR to connect to UIP will be assumed within the funds provided. The Committee directs the Department to provide a status update on its UIP-related efforts within 60 days of enactment of this Act.
10. USCIS Fees - The Committee continues to encourage EOIR to engage with its DHS counterparts regarding EOIR's requirements that need to be considered as part of any future USCIS fee rules and during its annual budget formulation process. The Committee directs EOIR to keep the Committee apprised of these efforts.
11. FY Expenditures - The Committee directs EOIR to continue to provide a quarterly report on all expenditures during the fiscal year as directed in House Report 117-97.
12. Video Conferencing (VTC) - The Committee also acknowledges the updated Policy Memorandum issued in November 2020 regarding "Immigration Court Hearings Conducted by Telephone and Video Conferencing". The Committee expects that pursuant to Executive Order 14012, this policy is also under review, and directs EOIR to keep the Committee updated on any changes to the existing policy following its review. The Committee encourages EOIR to evaluate whether the current policy is equally applicable for children under the age of 18. The Committee urges EOIR to consider methods to permit respondents to elect for VTC hearings versus in-person hearings similar to VTC policies under the Social Security Administration. EOIR shall continue to follow the directives regarding real-time data collection and quarterly reporting described in the explanatory statement accompanying Public Law 116-93. In lieu of House Report language regarding "Video conferencing" and "Tent Court Proceedings", EOIR is directed to update its policy memorandum on the use of VTC, so as to ensure clear and consistent guidelines are followed in all adjudication settings. This update further directs EOIR to make all policies and procedures related to EOIR's use of VTC, including policies for public and media access to each location using VTC publicly available on its website.