



Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

FY 2010 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2009 Enacted:	\$1,054 million (5,008 positions; 2,504 agents)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$23.6 million (2.2% above FY 2009 Enacted)
Program Changes:	+\$43 million
FY 2010 Budget Request:	\$1,121 million (5,101 positions; 2,539 agents)
Change from FY 2009 Enacted:	+\$66.6 million (+6.3%) (+93 positions; +35 agents)

Mission:

The mission of the ATF is to reduce violent crime, prevent terrorism, and protect the United States. The men and women of ATF perform the dual responsibilities of enforcing Federal criminal laws and regulating the firearms and explosives industries. ATF is committed to working directly, and through partnerships, to investigate and reduce crime involving firearms and explosives, acts of arson, and illegal trafficking of alcohol and tobacco products.

Resources:

The budget request for FY 2010 totals \$1.1 billion, which is a 6.3 percent increase from the FY 2009 enacted level, this amount includes \$6 million for construction. In FY 2009, ATF also received \$10.0 million in Recovery Act supplemental funds for Project Gunrunner.

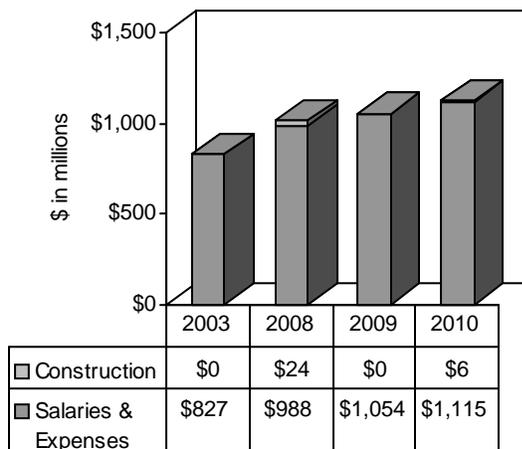
Organization:

ATF is headed by a Director, who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. In FY 2009, ATF operates a total of 25 Domestic Field Divisions. Also, during FY 2009, ATF maintains a presence in 10 international offices in 7 countries. These locations included Canada, Mexico, Colombia, Iraq, and Thailand, as well as INTERPOL, in Lyon, France, and EUROPOL, at The Hague, Netherlands. ATF became part of DOJ in 2003.

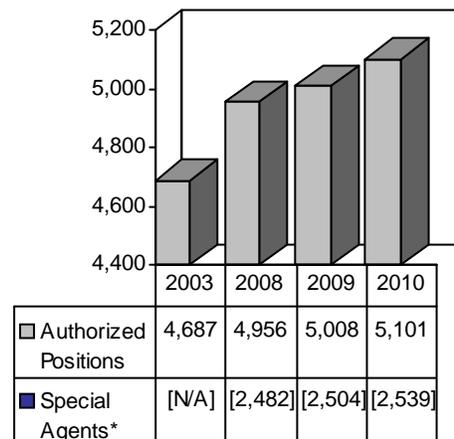
Personnel:

ATF's authorized positions for FY 2010 total 5,101 positions, including 2,539 agents. Of the total authorized agents, 2,471 are located in domestic offices and 14 are in foreign offices. ATF's FY 2010 request includes an increase of 93 positions, including 35 agents, over the FY 2009 level of 5,008 authorized positions.

Funding (FY 2003 - 2010)



Personnel (FY 2003 - 2010)



* Includes reimbursable agents

FY 2010 Strategy:

ATF is the U.S. law enforcement agency dedicated to protecting the country from the illegal use of firearms and explosives in violent crime and acts of terrorism. In addition to investigating and preventing the illegal use of firearms and explosives, ATF promotes public safety by combating firearms trafficking, the improper storage of explosives, and the illegal diversion of alcohol and tobacco products. ATF is also the lead agency in investigations of arson and non-terrorism related bombings. Given its unique statutory authority, ATF has a definitive niche in fighting violent crime.

ATF approaches its mandate on fighting violent crime through an integrated strategy. This strategy combines traditional enforcement efforts, like preventing prohibited possessors from obtaining firearms, halting illegal weapons transfers, and addressing illegal sources, with technological and intelligence efforts. In order to accomplish this, ATF collaborates with Federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, works with communities to prevent violence, and partners with members of the Federal Firearms Licensee community to prevent prohibited persons from obtaining firearms.

ATF operates a variety of programs to address firearms violence, arson and explosives related crime, and tobacco and alcohol diversion activities. Firearms trafficking is addressed both through normal operations as well as specific programs such as ATF's Violent Crime Impact Teams (VCITs) and Project Gunrunner teams. The VCIT concept uses ATF's integrated strategy to address firearms violence in cities throughout the country. ATF's Gunrunner teams operate along the Southwest Border (SWB) to investigate incidents of firearms trafficking. Also, ATF is currently building a new facility at Redstone Arsenal, in Alabama, which will become the central clearinghouse for all of ATF's explosives research and training.

One of the most significant challenges facing ATF at the moment is the mounting violence along the SWB. Illicit firearms from the U.S. contribute to this violence. ATF is addressing this challenge in FY 2009 by increasing its presence along the SWB and is implementing five new Gunrunner teams as well as redirecting additional base resources in an intelligence-driven stopgap measure. The violence, and associated trafficking, will take significant efforts to quell, and ATF proposes to increase its operations along the SWB in FY 2010 as well.

FY 2010 Program Changes:

Southwest Border (SWB) Enforcement: \$17.9 million and 92 positions (34 agents) are requested to support Project Gunrunner. The initiative is focused on weapons trafficking along the SWB and is a multifaceted approach to address the problem. Gunrunner provides resources to increase inspections of firearms dealers along the SWB as well as agents focused on investigation and interdiction. The request also provides for ATF agent postings in Mexico to assist Mexican authorities. These additional resources assist in combating trafficking and firearms related violence on both sides of the border.

These resources are in addition to base resources already dedicated to Gunrunner, as well as enhancements in the FY 2009 appropriation. ATF's current services level for SWB enforcement is \$43.0 million and 255 positions (177 agents).

National Center for Explosives Training and Research (NCETR): \$25 million is requested for the new NCETR facility at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. This request includes \$6 million for the construction of two additional explosives ranges and \$19 million for facility outfitting and expanded training.

ATF received \$5 million for architecture and engineering in FY 2006 to lay the groundwork for the new NCETR facility. This was followed by another \$23.5 million for construction in FY 2008, to which ATF added \$5 million of its own funds to ensure the construction was fully funded. Anticipated completion of the main building is June 2010. Total construction funding, including FY 2010, is 39.5 million.

Once constructed and operational ATF's Redstone Arsenal Facility will replace ATF's current operations at Fort A.P. Hill and enable it to significantly increase its training capacity and research, development, and evaluation efforts. Current services for NCETR is \$3.5 million and 14 positions (8 agents).

Financial Snapshot 2008

Clean Opinion on Financial Statements	Yes
Timely Financial Reporting	Yes
Material Weaknesses	None

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Salaries and Expenses			Construction			TOTAL		
	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount	Pos.	FTE	Amount
2008 Appropriation	4,956	4,880	\$984,097	0	0	\$23,500	4,956	4,880	\$1,007,597
2008 Supplemental	0	0	4,000	0	0	0	0	0	4,000
2008 Enacted with Supplementals	4,956	4,880	988,097	0	0	23,500	4,956	4,880	1,011,597
2009 Enacted	5,008	4,957	1,054,215	0	0	0	5,008	4,957	1,054,215
2010 Request	5,101	5,025	1,114,772	0	0	6,000	5,101	5,025	1,120,772
Change 2010 from 2009 Enacted	93	68	60,557	0	0	6,000	93	68	66,557
Adjustments to Base									
Increases:									
Pay and Benefits	1	22	19,536	0	0	0	1	22	19,536
Domestic Rent and Facilities	0	0	3,777	0	0	0	0	0	3,777
Other Adjustments	0	0	241	0	0	0	0	0	241
Foreign Expenses	0	0	302	0	0	0	0	0	302
Subtotal Increases	1	22	23,856	0	0	0	1	22	23,856
Decreases:									
Non-Recurrence of FY 2009 Non-Personnel Increases	0	0	-288	0	0	0	0	0	-288
Subtotal Decreases	0	0	-288	0	0	0	0	0	-288
Total Adjustments to Base	1	22	23,568	0	0	0	1	22	23,568
2010 Current Services	5,009	4,979	1,077,783	0	0	0	5,009	4,979	1,077,783
Program Changes									
Increases:									
ATF NCETR	0	0	19,000	0	0	6,000	0	0	25,000
Southwest Border Enforcement	92	46	17,989	0	0	0	92	46	17,989
Total Program Changes	92	46	36,989	0	0	6,000	92	46	42,989
2010 Request	5,101	5,025	1,114,772	0	0	6,000	5,101	5,025	1,120,772
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Comparison by activity and program	2009 Enacted with Rescissions			2010 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
1. Firearms	3,594	3,547	\$759,035	3,595	3,568	\$784,647
2. Arson and Explosives	1,321	1,320	274,096	1,321	1,321	270,841
3. Alcohol and Tobacco	93	90	21,084	93	90	22,295
Total	5,008	4,957	1,054,215	5,009	4,979	1,077,783
Reimbursable FTE	0	55	0	0	55	0
Grand Total	5,008	5,012	\$1,054,215	5,009	5,034	\$1,077,783

Comparison by activity and program	Total Program Changes			2010 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
1. Firearms	92	46	\$17,989	3,687	3,614	\$802,636
2. Arson and Explosives	0	0	19,000	1,321	1,321	289,841
3. Alcohol and Tobacco	0	0	0	93	90	22,295
Total	92	46	36,989	5,101	5,025	1,114,772
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	55	0
Grand Total	92	46	\$36,989	5,101	5,080	\$1,114,772

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Comparison by activity and program	2009 Enacted with Rescissions			2010 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
1. Construction	0	0	\$0	0	0	\$0
Total	0	0	\$0	0	0	\$0

Comparison by activity and program	Total Program Changes			2010 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
1. Construction	0	0	\$6,000	0	0	\$6,000
Total	0	0	\$6,000	0	0	\$6,000