



U.S. Department of Justice FY 2010 Budget Request

PERFORMANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

+\$14 million in Enhancements

FY 2010 Overview

The Department of Justice continues to seek ways to improve performance and accountability in our organization. As President Obama has stated, “we can no longer afford to sustain the old ways when we know there are new and more efficient ways of getting the job done.” But while we certainly cannot afford to sustain the “old ways,” further upfront investment is required to get the job done more efficiently. To this end, the Department cannot continue to oversee an organization this vast without a unified, modern financial system that will allow us to exercise our mandated fiduciary responsibilities.

Identified by the Department’s Inspector General as “one of the most important challenges for the Department,” the Unified Financial Management System (UFMS) will replace a disparate collection of “inadequate, outdated, and in some cases non-integrated financial management systems that do not provide certain automated financial transaction processing activities necessary to support management’s need for timely and accurate financial information throughout the year.”

Once fully implemented, UFMS will result in more accurate, timely and useful financial information that can better support management decisions and actions. UFMS will also enhance the Department’s accountability, accuracy, and transparency as it relates to financial performance, internal controls, and standard business practices. Significant achievements and progress have been made on UFMS, including:

- A pilot project is operational at the Asset Forfeiture Program.
- World-wide use at the Drug Enforcement Administration began in January 2009.
- The Contract Writing Tool was deployed at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in March 2009.
- The Bureau of Prisons (BOP) is on target to implement the Acquisition module by the end of FY 2009.
- Planning efforts have begun for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

New Investments

Justice Information Sharing Technology (JIST)

- **UFMS: \$14 million.** The JIST appropriation funds high priority information technology (IT) initiatives that are Department-wide in scope, including the UFMS. The \$14 million is needed for the continued implementation of UFMS. The Department has already reduced its legacy systems from six to four. The Department anticipates an FY 2010 reprogramming notification using internal funding sources to support the next phases of the implementation schedule. The FY 2010 budget plan ensures that the FBI and U.S. Marshals Service will move on schedule toward their planned system implementations, reducing the number of remaining legacy systems to two. The UFMS is a major Department-wide initiative that will significantly improve the efficiency and integrity of financial and performance management and accounting functions. UFMS will ensure that accurate, reliable, and Department-wide financial and procurement information is available on a continual and timely basis. This information is necessary for day-to-day management and control as well as the preparation of financial statements and reports.

FY 2010 Investment Summary (Amount in \$000)

| Bureau/Initiative | Positions | Amount |
|---|------------------|-----------------|
| Justice Information Sharing Technology | | |
| Unified Financial Management System | 0 | \$14,000 |
| Grand Total, New Investments | 0 | \$14,000 |