



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

FY 2011 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2010 Enacted:	\$1,120.8 million (5,101 positions; 2,485 agents)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$30.1 million (2.7% above FY 2010 Enacted)
Program Changes:	+\$12.1 million
FY 2011 Budget Request:	\$1,163.0 million (5,145 positions; 2,513 agents)
Change from FY 2010 Enacted:	+\$42.2 million (+3.8%) (+44 positions; +28 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 2011 totals \$1,163 million, which is a 3.8 percent increase from the FY 2010 Enacted level.

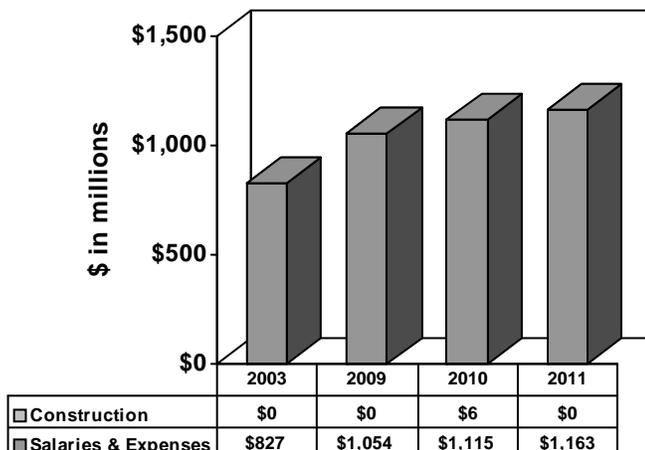
Organization:

ATF is headed by a Director, who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. During FY 2009, ATF operated a total of 25 Domestic Field Divisions. Also, during FY 2009, ATF maintained a presence in 11 international offices in 8 countries.

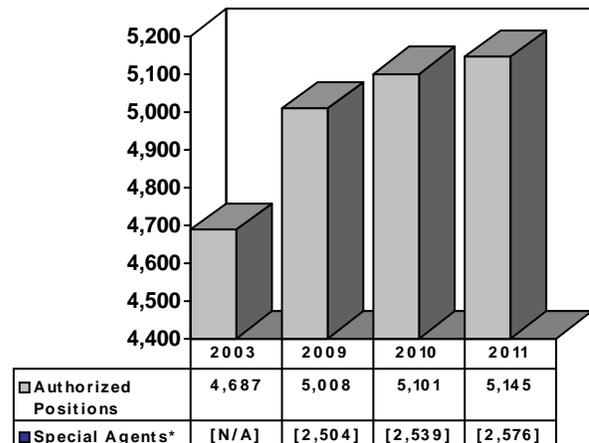
Personnel:

ATF's direct authorized positions for FY 2011 total 5,145 positions, including 2,513 special agents. Of the total authorized agents, 2,492 are located in domestic offices and 21 are in foreign offices. ATF's FY 2011 request includes an increase of 44 positions, including 28 special agents, over the FY 2010 Enacted level of 5,101 direct authorized positions.

Funding (FY 2003 - 2011)



Personnel (FY 2003 - 2011)



* includes reimbursable agents.

FY 2011 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. On top of investigating and preventing the illegal use of firearms and explosives, ATF promotes public safety by combating firearms trafficking, the improper use and 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, tribal and international 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 explosive research and training. This facility will support its explosives related research and training programs.

One of the most significant challenges facing ATF is the mounting violence along the SWB. Illicit firearms from the U.S. are fueling this violence. ATF began 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.

FY 2011 Program Changes:

Gunrunner (Annualization): \$11.8 million and 37 positions (25 agents) to annualize funding and positions for three Gunrunner Teams received in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. Focused on combating firearms trafficking along the Southwest Border, these teams of agents, intelligence research specialists, and Industry Operations Investigators are an integral part of the Department's effort to stem the southbound flow of firearms and the drug violence fueled by these same weapons. The ARRA provided one-time funding to establish three Gunrunner Teams. The FY2011 request will enable ATF to continue the vital efforts the ARRA funding began. These continued operations will focus on repeating the successes demonstrated with ATF's summer 2009 Gunrunner Impact Teams initiative. During this time ATF temporarily redeployed assets to the Southwest Border, which resulted in 276 criminal investigations along with the seizure of 614 firearms in addition to currency, ammunition, and drugs. So far, 116 defendants have been recommended for prosecution with additional prosecutions expected in the near future. The requested funding in FY 2011 will provide permanent funding to continue these three teams.

Emergency Support Function -13: \$1.2 million and 7 positions (3 agents) to support ATF's role as the national law enforcement coordinator during national emergency events. There are no dedicated current services for this responsibility.

Travel and Management Efficiencies: The Department is continually evaluating its programs and operations with the goal of achieving across-the-board economies of scale that result in increased efficiencies and cost savings. In FY 2011, DOJ is focusing on travel as an area in which savings can be achieved. For ATF, travel or other management efficiencies will result in offsets of \$907,000. This offset will be applied in a manner that will allow the continuation of effective law enforcement program efforts in support of Presidential and Departmental goals, while minimizing the risk to health, welfare and safety of agency personnel.

Financial Snapshot 2009

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