



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

### FY 2013 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2012 Enacted:	\$1,152 million (5,101 positions; 2,485 agents)
Current Services Adjustments:	+\$28.2 million
Program Changes:	-\$26.9 million
FY 2013 Budget Request:	\$1,153 million (4,937 positions; 2,451 agents)
Change From FY 2012 Enacted:	+\$1.3 million (+0.1%) (-164 positions; -34 agents)

#### Mission:

ATF protects our communities from violent criminals, criminal organizations, the illegal use and trafficking of firearms, the illegal use and storage of explosives, acts of arson and bombings, acts of terrorism, and the illegal diversion of alcohol and tobacco products. ATF regulates the firearms and explosives industries and Federal licensees. ATF partners with communities, industries, law enforcement, and public safety agencies to safeguard the public through information sharing, training, research, and the use of technology.

#### Resources:

The FY 2013 budget request for ATF totals \$1,153 million, which is a 0.1% increase over the FY 2012 Enacted. Rescissions of \$12.4 million in prior year balances and \$1 million from ATF's Violent Crime Reduction Program account are also proposed.

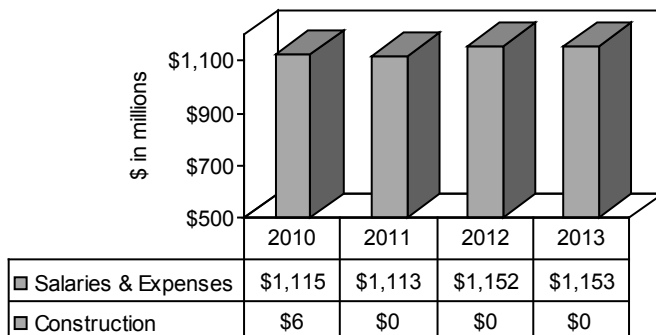
#### Organization:

ATF is headed by a Director, who is appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. During FY 2012, ATF operated a total of 25 Domestic Field Divisions. Also, during FY 2012, ATF maintains a presence in 12 international offices in 6 countries.

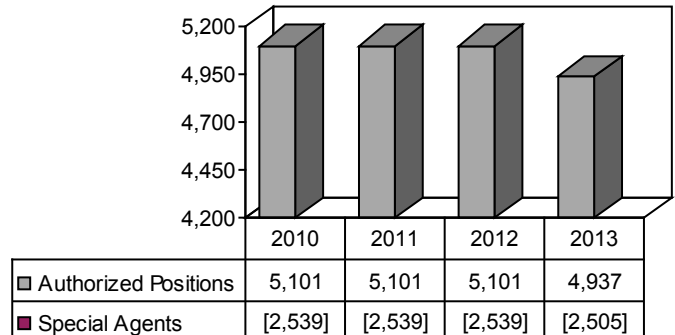
#### Personnel:

The ATF's direct authorized positions for FY 2013 total 4,937. ATF's FY 2013 request includes a decrease of -164 positions from the FY 2012 Enacted of 5,101 direct authorized positions.

**Funding (FY 2010 - 2013)**



**Personnel (FY 2010 - 2013)**



Includes reimbursable agents

## **FY 2013 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 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 to fight violent crime through an integrated strategy. This strategy combines traditional enforcement efforts, such as 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 (FFLs) 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 VCITs use 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.

The SWB remains a high priority for ATF and, therefore, ATF will continue to operate 9 Gunrunner Teams to address firearms trafficking and violent crime along the SWB. As part of the Department's overall SWB efforts, ATF works to stem the illegal trafficking of weapons across the border and reduces the firearms-driven violence occurring on both sides of the border. eTrace, one of the tools used in this effort, is a critical component in assisting U.S. and Mexican authorities with critical intelligence on illegal trafficking of firearms to Mexico.

ATF has a long history of investigating fires and criminal bombings. ATF maintains the experience and expertise to detect, prevent, protect against and respond to acts of arson and bombings. ATF manages the U.S. Bomb Data Center (USBDC), participates in Joint Terrorism Task Forces (JTTF) and also supports the Terrorist Explosive Device Analytical Center (TEDAC). ATF's National Center for Explosives Training and Research (NCETR) consolidated ATF's explosives expertise, training and research at Redstone Arsenal, AL. The NCETR develops and enhances technical knowledge and partnerships across Federal, state and local law enforcement and public safety agencies

## **FY 2013 Program Changes:**

**Program Offset - IT Savings:** -\$2.1 million and 0 positions  
This offset represents a savings of approximately 1.8 percent of all non-personnel S&E IT expenditures. These savings will be generated through greater inter-component collaboration in IT contracting. Funds will be redirected to support the Department's Cyber-security and IT transformation efforts. FY 2013 current services for this initiative are \$113.2 million.

**Program Offset - Staffing, Administrative, and Programmatic Efficiencies:** -\$24.8 million and -164 positions (-34 agents)

The request proposes \$24.8 million in offsets associated with staffing reductions as well as general administrative, program, and contract reductions. The offset also includes the reduction of 164 hollow positions, including 34 agents.

**Rescission - ATF S&E:** -\$12.4 million and 0 positions  
The offset proposes to rescind \$12.4 million in unobligated prior year balances.

**Rescission - ATF Violent Crime Reduction Program:** -\$1.0 million and 0 positions  
This rescission is a re-proposal from the FY 2011 President's Budget and rescinds all balances in this account.

**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

	ATF Salaries & Expenses			Total		
	Pos	FTE	Amount	Pos	FTE	Amount
<b>2011 Enacted</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,025</b>	<b>1,112,542</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,025</b>	<b>1,112,542</b>
<b>2012 Enacted</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,025</b>	<b>1,152,000</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,025</b>	<b>1,152,000</b>
<b>2013 Request</b>	<b>4,937</b>	<b>4,861</b>	<b>1,153,345</b>	<b>4,937</b>	<b>4,861</b>	<b>1,153,345</b>
<b>Change 2013 from 2012 Enacted without Rescissions of Balance</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>1,345</b>
<b>Technical Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Technical Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Adjustments to Base</b>						
<b>Increases:</b>						
ATB Transfers	0	0	3,856	0	0	3,856
Pay & Benefits	0	0	12,348	0	0	12,348
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	10,889	0	0	10,889
Other Adjustments	0	0	1,300	0	0	1,300
Foreign Expenses	0	0	-154	0	0	-154
Subtotal Increases:	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,239</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,239</b>
<b>Decreases:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Adjustments to Base</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,239</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,239</b>
<b>Total Adjustments to Base and Technical Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,239</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28,239</b>
<b>2013 Current Services</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,025</b>	<b>1,180,239</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,025</b>	<b>1,180,239</b>
<b>Program Changes</b>						
<b>Increases:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Decreases:</b>						
Program Offset - IT Savings	0	0	-2,095	0	0	-2,095
Program Offset - Staffing, Administrative, and Programmatic Efficiencies	-164	-164	-24,799	-164	-164	-24,799
Subtotal, Program Decrease	<b>-164</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>-26,894</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>-26,894</b>
<b>Total Program Changes</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>-26,894</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>-26,894</b>
<b>2013 Request</b>	<b>4,937</b>	<b>4,861</b>	<b>1,153,345</b>	<b>4,937</b>	<b>4,861</b>	<b>1,153,345</b>
Rescission - ATF S&E	0	0	-12,400	0	0	-12,400
Rescission - ATF Violent Crime Reduction Program	0	0	-1,028	0	0	-1,028
<b>2013 Request with Rescission</b>	<b>4,937</b>	<b>4,861</b>	<b>1,139,917</b>	<b>4,937</b>	<b>4,861</b>	<b>1,139,917</b>
<b>Change 2013 from 2012 Enacted without Rescissions of Balance</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>1,345</b>

**ATF Salaries & Expenses**

(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2012 Enacted			2013 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Firearms	3,826	3,769	875,520	3,826	3,769	896,981
Arson & Explosives	1,173	1,156	253,440	1,173	1,156	259,653
Alcohol & Tobacco	102	100	23,040	102	100	23,605
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,025</b>	<b>1,152,000</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,025</b>	<b>1,180,239</b>
Reimbursable FTE	0	55	0	0	55	0
Rescission – ATF S&E	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rescission - ATF Violent Crime Reduction Program	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,080</b>	<b>1,152,000</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,080</b>	<b>1,180,239</b>

Comparison by activity and program	2013 Total Program Changes			2013 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Firearms	-125	-125	-20,439	3,701	3,644	876,542
Arson & Explosives	-36	-36	-5,917	1,137	1,120	253,736
Alcohol & Tobacco	-3	-3	-538	99	97	23,067
<b>Total</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>-26,894</b>	<b>4,937</b>	<b>4,861</b>	<b>1,153,345</b>
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	55	0
Rescission – ATF S&E	0	0	-12,400	0	0	-12,400
Rescission - ATF Violent Crime Reduction Program	0	0	-1,028	0	0	-1,028
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>-164</b>	<b>-40,322</b>	<b>4,937</b>	<b>4,916</b>	<b>1,139,917</b>