



## General Legal Activities Office of Dispute Resolution (ODR)

### FY 2012 Budget Request At A Glance

FY 2011 CR:	\$0.8 million (3 positions; 2 attorneys)
Current Services Adjustments:	-\$0.8 million
Program Changes:	\$0.0 million
FY 2012 Budget Request:	\$0.0 million (transferred to the GA appropriation)
Change From FY 2011 CR:	-\$0.8 million (-100.0%) (-3 positions; -2 attorneys)

#### Mission:

ODR's mission is to promote and facilitate the broad and effective use of alternative dispute resolution processes by the Department of Justice and throughout the Executive Branch of the Federal Government.

#### Resources:

The FY 2012 budget request for ODR totals \$0.0 million, which is a 100.0 percent decrease from the FY 2011 CR. For FY 2012, ODR's resources and program responsibilities are proposed for transfer to the Office of Legal Policy (OLP) in the General Administration appropriation.

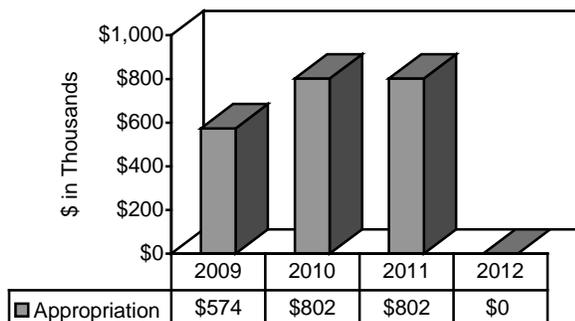
#### Organization:

On April 6, 1995, Attorney General Order 1160.1 was issued creating ODR for the purpose of promoting a broader use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in appropriate cases for more effective resolution of litigation and other disputes involving the Federal Government. In 1998, Congress passed legislation requiring the federal district courts to make ADR processes available to parties for all civil cases filed. Shortly thereafter, a Presidential Memorandum created an interagency ADR Working Group, headed by the Attorney General, which develops policy and reports regularly to the President on current ADR programs throughout the Federal Government. ODR is headed by a Director who is appointed by the Associate Attorney General. Under the FY 2012 transfer proposal, the ODR Director will report to the Assistant Attorney General for OLP.

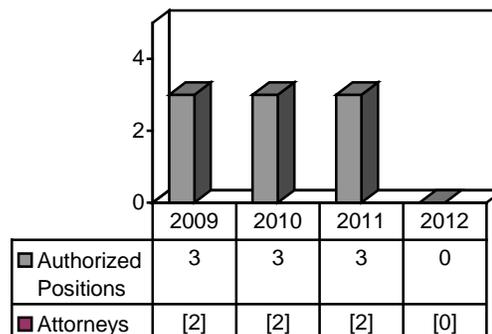
#### Personnel:

The ODR's direct authorized positions for FY 2012 total 0 because all of ODR's positions are transferred to OLP. ODR's FY 2012 request includes a decrease of -3 positions from the FY 2011 CR level of 3 direct authorized positions.

**Funding (FY 2009 - 2012)**



**Personnel (FY 2009 - 2012)**



**FY 2012 Strategy:**

As the largest user of the federal court system, the Department employs over ten thousand attorneys and represents virtually all of the executive branch agencies in litigation. The Attorney General is responsible for facilitating and encouraging the use of ADR in federal litigation as well as in administrative disputes within all of the Executive Branch agencies. Additionally, ODR periodically reports to the President regarding advances in ADR programs and policy, through the Interagency ADR Working Group Website, headed by the Attorney General. ODR also maintains the Interagency ADR Working Group Website which provides resources online to government agencies and educates the general public about federal ADR programs.

ODR trains Department Attorneys, including Assistant United States Attorneys (AUSAs) in effective ADR techniques. Department litigating attorneys and AUSAs are provided skills and counseling on when and how to use ADR most advantageously for their client. The effective use of ADR in appropriate cases translates into measureable benefits (both cost and time savings) to the Department.

ODR approves ADR funding requests from all of the litigating components of the Department and U.S. Attorney Offices from the Fees and Expenses of Witnesses (FEW) Appropriation. As federal litigation increases, so have funding requests and requirements relating to measuring the effectiveness and success of the ADR funded.

ODR has developed and implemented information technology systems to monitor and tabulate funding requests and to collect and analyze data regarding ADR use and the evaluation of the effectiveness of the program. Additionally, ODR represents the Department before foreign delegations, private legal businesses and other constituencies on federal ADR.

For FY 2012, all of ODR's resources and functions will be transferred to the Office of Legal Policy which is situated to provide leadership and focus for the program throughout the Department.

**FY 2012 Program Changes:**

No program changes are requested for ODR.

**Office of Dispute Resolution**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Office of Dispute Resolution		
	Pos	FTE	Amount
<b>2010 Enacted</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>802</b>
<b>2011 Continuing Resolution</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>802</b>
<b>2012 Request</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Change 2012 from 2011 Continuing Resolution</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-802</b>
<b>Technical Adjustments</b>			
Subtotal Technical Adjustments	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Technical Adjustments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Adjustments to Base</b>			
<b>Increases:</b>			
ATB Transfers	-3	-3	-878
Pay & Benefits	0	0	17
Domestic Rent & Facilities	0	0	59
Subtotal Increases:	<b>-3</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-802</b>
<b>Decreases:</b>			
Subtotal Decreases:	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Adjustments to Base</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-802</b>
<b>Total Adjustments to Base and Technical Adjustments</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-802</b>
<b>2012 Current Services</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Program Changes</b>			
<b>Increases:</b>			
<b>Decreases:</b>			
<b>Total Program Changes</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2012 Request</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Change 2012 from 2011 Continuing Resolution</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-802</b>

**Office of Dispute Resolution**

(Dollars in Thousands)

Comparison by activity and program	2011 Continuing Resolution			2012 Current Services		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Office of Dispute Resolution	3	3	802	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	3	3	802	0	0	0
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	3	3	802	0	0	0

Comparison by activity and program	2012 Total Program Changes			2012 Request		
	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount	Perm Pos.	FTE	Amount
Office of Dispute Resolution	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reimbursable FTE	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0