

REQUESTS FOR TRANSFERS FROM THE INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS AND RELATED EXPENSES
ACCOUNT

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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REQUESTS FOR TRANSFERS FROM THE INFORMATION TECH-
NOLOGY SYSTEMS AND RELATED EXPENSES ACCOUNT FOR
YEAR 2000 COMPLIANCE TO EIGHT FEDERAL AGENCIES



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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, October 12, 1999.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: In accordance with provisions of Public Law 105-277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, I request the following transfers from the Information Technology Systems and Related Expenses account:

Department of Agriculture

- Executive Operations, Office of the Chief Information Officer: \$4,400,000

Department of the Interior

- Departmental Management, Working capital fund: \$3,319,000

Department of Labor

- Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Salaries and expenses: \$159,000
- Mine Safety and Health Administration, Salaries and expenses: \$13,040
- Departmental Management, Salaries and expenses: \$824,190

Department of State

- Capital investment fund: \$1,173,000

Federal Emergency Management Agency

- Emergency management planning and assistance: \$2,422,000

General Services Administration

- Policy and operations: \$9,493,000

International Trade Commission

- Salaries and expenses: \$300,000

Merit Systems Protection Board

- Salaries and expenses: \$75,000

The funding will support a range of Year 2000 (Y2K) compliance activities, including systems remediation and testing, hardware replacement and contingency planning.

I designate the above requests as emergency requirements pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

The details of these actions are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

Enclosure.

[Estimate No. 38, 106th Cong., 1st Sess.]

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,
Washington, DC, October 12, 1999.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

Submitted for your consideration are requests to transfer \$22.2 million from the Information Technology Systems and Related Expenses Account for Year 2000 (Y2K) compliance to eight Federal agencies. This is the tenth release of non-defense contingent emergency funding for Y2K from funds appropriated in P.L. 105-277, the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999. Including funding released to the Legislative and Judicial Branches when you signed P.L. 105-277, \$1,993.6 million has been allocated to date.

The contingent emergency funding provided in the Omnibus Act—\$1.1 billion for defense-related activities and \$2.25 billion for non-defense activities—has enabled Federal agencies to respond effectively to unanticipated Y2K-related issues. With this release of funds, a total of \$271.9 million will remain in the contingent emergency reserve for non-defense activities. This includes \$13.7 million that was allocated to the Department of Energy on February 3, 1999, but was not transferred, as well as additional allocations of funding that were not utilized by agencies. These additional allocations include:

- The Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration was allocated \$1.293 million on November 6, 1998, and the Departmental Management account was allocated on \$0.018 million on July 14, 1999. These funds will be returned to the contingent emergency reserve.
- The Department of the Treasury's Office of Inspector General was allocated \$0.529 million on August 17, 1999. These funds have not been transferred and remain available in the contingent emergency reserve.

All of the contingent funding for defense-related activities has been released.

The funds requested to be released for the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Labor, the Merit Systems Protection Board, and the International Trade Commission would support systems remediation and testing. Funds for the Department of the Interior would be used by the Office of Insular Affairs to provide assistance to Guam. Funds for the Department of State would be used to improve operational readiness at a number of overseas posts. Funds for the Federal Emergency Management Agency would enhance the agency's Y2K-related emergency reporting and response capabilities, including activities in coordination with the Y2K Conversion Council's Information Coordination Center (ICC).

Funds for the General Services Administration would also be used to support the ICC.

Pursuant to the requirements of Public Law 105-277, OMB will prepare and submit a report to Congress on these agencies' proposed allocations and plans to achieve Y2K compliance for technology information systems before funds can be released. The report will be transmitted to the congressional committees specified in P.L. 105-277 concurrent with this request for the release of funds. In addition, OMB has directed each agency to provide detailed justification materials in support of its plan and allocation to the relevant appropriations subcommittees.

I recommend that you designate the amounts listed on the enclosure as emergency requirements in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. No further congressional action will be required. Pursuant to P.L. 105-277, funds will be made available to agencies 15 days after this designation is forwarded to Congress.

I have carefully reviewed these proposals and am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. Therefore, I recommend that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

JACOB J. LEW, *Director.*

Enclosure.

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED MADE
AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT

YEAR 2000 (Y2K) CONVERSION

<i>Department of Agriculture: Executive Operations, Office of Chief Information Officer</i>	\$4,400,000
<i>Department of the Interior (DOI): Departmental Management, Working capital fund</i>	3,319,000
<i>Department of Labor:</i>	
Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Salaries and expenses	159,000
Mine Safety and Health Administration, Salaries and expenses	13,040
Departmental Management, Salaries and expenses	824,190
<i>Department of State: Capital investment fund</i>	1,173,000
<i>Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): Emergency management planning and assistance</i>	2,422,000
<i>General Services Administration: Policy and operations</i>	9,493,000
<i>International Trade Commission: Salaries and expenses</i>	300,000
<i>Merit Systems Protection Board: Salaries and expenses</i>	75,000

The funds made available would: support systems remediation and testing; provide assistance to Guam through DOI's Office of Insular Affairs; improve operational readiness at a number of overseas posts; enhance FEMA's Y2K-related emergency reporting and response capabilities; and, support the Y2K Conversion Council's Information Coordination Center.