

implementing the DHS National Strategy for Bombing Prevention, and also trains State and local governments in how to identify and safely handle bombs and IEDs. The Committee provides OBP \$11,000,000 for carrying out this important work, an increase of \$1,841,000 over the requested level. Of this amount, \$1,000,000 shall be for the purchase of the IED-Geospatial Analysis Tool Plus, which the Office of Bombing Prevention has informed the Committee would be a useful addition to its TRIPwire field assessment tool. The Committee also understands that OBP has participated in a Technical Support Working Group effort to develop IED countermeasures that could be used by state and local law enforcement, and urges OBP, in conjunction with S&T, to continue to support efforts to develop and implement counter-IED solutions for use by the civil sector.

PHILADELPHIA VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

The Committee provides \$2,000,000 for continued deployment of infrastructure monitoring and crime cameras in the city of Philadelphia. The Committee directs NPPD to work with city administrators to use these funds in support of Philadelphia's plan to integrate new and existing cameras into a citywide surveillance system.

UNDERGROUND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Much of what allows the United States to operate goes unnoticed below ground, in the network of tunnels hidden below our streets, buildings, and parks. The pipes, wires, cables, and other infrastructure that run through these tunnels are often protected only by unsecured manhole covers. The Committee provides \$3,000,000 for NPPD to pilot methods for securing this infrastructure by evaluating the effectiveness and drawbacks of manhole cover locking systems.

MAPPING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The Committee is aware of collaborative efforts by Infrastructure Protection alongside other Federal mapping and geological survey agencies in support of the development of reliable maps of critical infrastructure facilities. The Committee urges NPPD to review these efforts to ensure that critical needs are being met in this area.

US-CERT/NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY INITIATIVE

The Committee provides \$242,424,000 for NPPD's US-CERT program, and the DHS share of the Administration's National Cyber Security Initiative (NCSI), as requested. The goal of the NCSI is to strengthen the security of government computer networks and reduce their vulnerability to attacks by outside forces. The appropriations provided by the Committee finance the DHS costs of consolidating its Internet connections while simultaneously developing and installing Internet traffic monitoring systems on government networks. The budget for US-CERT has increased by more than 500 percent since 2007, indicating the seriousness with which the Committee takes the need to improve cyber security. However, the Committee is concerned that absent a well-developed acquisition

plan, these resources may not be used in the most effective manner possible. As discussed above, the Committee requires NPPD to submit an expenditure plan providing more details on the purpose and goals of the NCSI and how proposed expenditures will meet them.

PRIORITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES/NEXT GENERATION NETWORKS

The Committee recognizes the success of DHS and its predecessor agencies in working with the telecommunications industry to develop an effective emergency access system for Federal, State and local officials to use in times of crisis, and provides \$58,740,000 for the Priority Telecommunications Service program, at the requested level. The Committee also recognizes that the dynamic nature of the telecommunications industry requires on-going investment to ensure that current capabilities are not lost when new technologies emerge. However, the Committee is disappointed that the managers of the National Security/Emergency Preparedness Telecommunications program have not provided any detailed explanation or discussion of key deliverables for investments made through the Next Generation Networks (NGN) program. In particular, the Committee is concerned that absent a defined set of goals, the NGN program has the potential to become an open-ended financial commitment of massive cost. Therefore, the Committee provides \$48,000,000 for the NGN program, \$8,000,000 below the requested level. As discussed above, the Committee requires NPPD to submit an expenditure plan providing more details about the purpose and goals of the NGN program.

NATIONAL COMMAND AND COORDINATION CAPABILITY

NPPD has proposed a \$61,000,000 budget for a National Command and Coordination Capability (NCCC), an increase of 1,592 percent over the 2008 enacted level. This extraordinary increase in resources has not been accompanied by a detailed explanation of how this project will be carried out, what specific investments the funds will be used to make, or even why such a large investment is necessary. As a result, the Committee provides \$14,100,000 for continued NCCC planning and initial implementation, and requires NPPD to submit an expenditure plan providing more details about the purpose and goals of this initiative.

CYBER SECURITY TRAINING

The Committee includes \$3,500,000 for the continued development and implementation of the Community Cyber Security Maturity Model at the University of Texas at San Antonio, a training program designed to prepare State and local officials for responding to cyber attacks.

CYBER SECURITY INFORMATION SHARING AND COLLABORATION PROGRAM

The Committee does not fund the Cyber Security Information Sharing and Collaboration program, a \$2,250,000 earmark for a specific institution of higher education that was requested by the President.

CONTROL SYSTEMS SECURITY

The Committee is concerned that the control systems that ensure the efficient and reliable operation of much of the nation’s power, water, information and other critical systems are potentially vulnerable to compromise. To address this concern, the Committee provides \$22,000,000 for the National Cyber Security Division’s efforts in this area, \$4,000,000 more than the request. This additional funding is to establish a power and cyber system protection, analysis and testing program at the Idaho National Laboratory.

E-LORAN

The Committee does not provide funding for the so-called e-LORAN system in the budget for NPPD, and instead returns the funds to the Coast Guard budget. Since Coast Guard will remain responsible for operating the existing LORAN-C until a replacement system is developed, there is no logical reason to transfer these funds to NPPD, an agency that has neither the preparation nor the experience to operate the LORAN system.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee is concerned about the effectiveness of the Office of Emergency Communications, which is chiefly responsible for coordinating at high levels throughout the government to promote and enhance emergency communication capabilities. The Committee directs the Secretary to establish a senior-level director of the Office to ensure that the Office has the high-level representation and executive independence needed to coordinate emergency communication activities.

REAL ID HUB

The Committee provides \$50,000,000 for development of a REAL ID data hub, which will connect various State records systems to enable their departments of motor vehicles to verify the accuracy and authenticity of documents used for drivers license applications. The Administration requested this funding within the budget for United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The Committee does not want the immigration workload at USCIS to be overshadowed by other responsibilities, especially since USCIS now confronts historic backlogs of applications pending adjudication. To ensure that the REAL ID hub is developed appropriately, the Committee includes statutory prohibitions on retention of any data accessible through the hub system, or for Federal use of the hub system.

UNITED STATES VISITOR AND IMMIGRANT STATUS INDICATOR
TECHNOLOGY

Appropriation, fiscal year 2008	\$475,000,000
Budget estimate, fiscal year 2009	390,300,000
Recommended in the bill	390,300,000
Bill compared with:	
Appropriation, fiscal year 2008	- 84,700,000
Budget Estimate, fiscal year 2009	0