

the Senate. The amount of funding provided by the conference agreement will support \$3,788,000,000 in loans and grants for water and waste disposal facilities in rural areas. Of this amount, \$2,820,000,000 is for direct loans and \$968,000,000 is for grants.

DISTANCE LEARNING, TELEMEDICINE, AND BROADBAND PROGRAM

The conference agreement includes \$2,500,000,000 for the distance learning, telemedicine, and broadband program instead of \$2,825,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$100,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

The conference agreement includes \$100,000 for a grant program for National School Lunch Program equipment assistance as proposed by the Senate. The House bill contained no such account.

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

The conference agreement includes \$500,000,000 for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) as proposed by the Senate instead of \$100,000,000 as proposed by the House.

Of the total amount provided by the conference agreement, \$400,000,000 is for the program's contingency reserve to ensure that the WIC program will have adequate funds to cover potential increased participation or food costs as a result of economic uncertainty. The conference agreement also provides \$100,000,000 from the total amount to help state agencies implement new management information systems or improve existing management information systems for the program.

COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The conference agreement includes \$150,000,000 for the Emergency Food Assistance Program for food purchases as proposed by both the House and Senate. Of the total amount provided by the conference agreement, up to \$50,000,000 may be used for administrative funding.

GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

SEC. 101. The conference agreement includes language to increase the value of benefits provided through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by 13.6 percent. The conference agreement also includes \$295,000,000 for the cost of state administrative expenses and \$5,000,000 in administrative funding for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.

SEC. 102. The conference agreement includes language to provide for transitional agricultural disaster assistance.

SEC. 103. The conference agreement includes language to carry out the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008.

SEC. 104. The conference agreement includes language to carry out the rural development loan and grant programs funded in this title.

SEC. 105. The conference agreement includes language to specify the use of funds in persistent poverty counties.

TITLE II—COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The Department is directed to submit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations spending plans, signed by the Secretary, detailing its intended allocation of funds provided in this Act within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The conference agreement includes \$150,000,000 for Economic Development As-

sistance Programs to leverage private investment, stimulate employment and increase incomes in economically distressed communities. Of the amounts provided, \$50,000,000 shall be for economic adjustment assistance to help communities recover from sudden and severe economic dislocation and massive job losses due to corporate restructuring and \$50,000,000 may be transferred to federally authorized, regional economic development commissions.

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PERIODIC CENSUSES AND PROGRAMS

To ensure a successful 2010 Decennial, the conference agreement includes \$1,000,000,000 to hire additional personnel, provide required training, increase targeted media purchases, and improve management of other operational and programmatic risks. Of the amounts provided, up to \$250,000,000 shall be for partnership and outreach efforts to minority communities and hard-to-reach populations.

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

The conference agreement includes \$4,700,000,000 for NTIA's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (TOP), to be available until September 30, 2010. Funding is provided to award competitive grants to accelerate broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas and to strategic institutions that are likely to create jobs or provide significant public benefits. Of the amounts provided, \$350,000,000 shall establish the State Broadband Data and Development Grant program, as authorized by Public Law 110-385 and for the development and maintenance of a national broadband inventory map as authorized by division B of this Act. In addition, \$200,000,000 shall be for competitive grants for expanding public computer center capacity; \$250,000,000 shall be for competitive grants for innovative programs to encourage sustainable broadband adoption; and \$10,000,000 is to be transferred to the Department of Commerce Inspector General for audits and oversight of funds provided under this heading, to be available until expended.

DIGITAL-TO-ANALOG CONVERTER BOX PROGRAM

The conference agreement includes \$650,000,000 for additional implementation and administration of the digital-to-analog converter box coupon program, including additional coupons to meet new projected demands and consumer support, outreach and administration. Of the amounts provided, up to \$90,000,000 may be used for education and outreach to vulnerable populations, including one-on-one assistance for converter box installation.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES

The conference agreement includes \$220,000,000 for research, competitive grants, additional research fellowships and advanced research and measurement equipment and supplies. In addition, \$20,000,000 is provided by transfer from the Health Information Technology (HIT) initiative within this Act. For HIT activities, NIST is directed to create and test standards related to health security and interoperability in conjunction with partners at the Department of Health and Human Services.

CONSTRUCTION OF RESEARCH FACILITIES

The conference agreement includes \$360,000,000 to address NIST's backlog of maintenance and renovation and for con-

struction of new facilities and laboratories. Of the amounts provided, \$180,000,000 shall be for the competitive construction grant program for research science buildings, including fiscal year 2008 and 2009 competitions.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

OPERATIONS, RESEARCH, AND FACILITIES

The conference agreement includes \$230,000,000 for NOAA operations, research, and facilities to address a backlog of research, restoration, navigation, conservation and management activities.

PROCUREMENT, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION

The conference agreement includes \$600,000,000 for construction and repair of NOAA facilities, ships and equipment, to improve weather forecasting and to support satellite development. Of the amounts provided, \$170,000,000 shall address critical gaps in climate modeling and establish climate data records for continuing research into the cause, effects and ways to mitigate climate change.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The conference agreement includes \$6,000,000 for the Office of Inspector General, to remain available until September 30, 2013.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Department is directed to submit to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a spending plan, signed by the Attorney General, detailing its intended allocation of funds provided in this Act within 60 days of enactment of this Act.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

The conference agreement includes \$2,000,000 for the Office of Inspector General, to be available until September 30, 2013.

STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PREVENTION AND PROSECUTION PROGRAMS

The conference agreement provides \$225,000,000 for Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs, to be available until September 30, 2010, of which \$175,000,000 is for the STOP Violence Against Women Formula Assistance Program, and \$50,000,000 is for transitional housing assistance grants. No administrative overhead costs shall be deducted from the programs funded under this account.

OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE

The conference agreement includes a total of \$2,765,000,000 for the following state and local law enforcement assistance programs, to be available until September 30, 2010. No administrative overhead costs shall be deducted from the programs funded under this account.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants	\$2,000,000,000
Byrne competitive grants ..	225,000,000
Rural Law Enforcement	125,000,000
Southwest Border/Project Gunrunner	40,000,000
Victims Compensation	100,000,000
Tribal Law Enforcement Assistance	225,000,000
Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force	50,000,000
Total	2,765,000,000

Byrne-Justice Assistance Grants.—The conference agreement provides \$2,000,000,000 for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance