

## DHS: key programs in fiscal 2006

Congressional appropriators pegged DHS programs at the following levels for 2006, in many cases attaching conditions to the programs:

### Customs and Border Protection automation

**\$456 million**

**Details:** The funding bill assigns \$320 million of this sum for the Automated Commercial Environment project, CBP's ambitious program to upgrade customs processing.

### Immigration and Customs Enforcement automation

**\$40.2 million**

**Details:** Congress and the administration have wrestled with a structural budget shortfall at ICE caused by the fact that the agency provides major IT services to other department components; Congress repeatedly has bailed out the agency.

### Office of Screening and Coordination

**\$4.0 million**

**Details:** Congress prohibited the administration from transferring the U.S. Visit, Secure Flight or other programs to this office, which secretary Michael Chertoff had planned as a central clearinghouse for pinpointing risky travelers and cargo.

### CIO Office

**\$297.2 million**

**Details:** In this funding, the appropriators specified \$18 million for the faltering Emerge2 program, \$10 million for terrorist watch list integration, \$86 million for wireless programs, \$18 million for infrastructure upgrades and \$33 million

for the Homeland Secure Data Network; they cancelled funding for the Metadata Center of Excellence.

### America's Shield Initiative

**\$31.2 million**

**Details:** The conferees rejected a request to boost America's Shield Initiative funding by \$19.8 million. They noted that DHS is re-evaluating the program and asked to be kept fully informed about the project overhaul.

### Deepwater, The Coast Guard's long-term modernization program

**\$933.1 million**

**Details:** The conferees restored \$433 million the House had cut from Deepwater; they called for improved planning and analysis of the \$24 billion, 25-year project.

### Rescue 21, The Coast Guard's

### 'Maritime 911' program

**\$41 million**

**Details:** The conferees reduced Rescue 21 spending from the \$91 million proposed by the House and \$81 million proposed by the Senate because of unobligated balances and extensive program delays.

### Cybersecurity

**\$93.3 million**

**Details:** The conferees directed that \$30 million of this sum be allocated to cybersecurity exercises and outreach.

### Citizen and Immigration Services Technology Modernization

**\$35 million**

**Details:** The conferees demanded a detailed plan for the agency's project to overhaul its technology.

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