



SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR IRAQ RECONSTRUCTION

FY 2012 BUDGET

Overview

SIGIR operates under the authority of Public Law 108-106, section 3001 (as amended). The FY 2010 budget request of approximately \$30,000,000 will cover operating expenses for the conduct of audits, inspections, and investigations related to the treatment, handling, and expenditures of amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for the reconstruction of Iraq, as well as programs, operations, and contracts carried out utilizing such funds. In addition, SIGIR will continue to provide information and analysis on Iraq reconstruction, primarily in the form of mandated Quarterly Reports to the Congress; the Secretaries of Defense and State; and the American people.

SIGIR's FY 2010 work will provide oversight of programs funded from appropriations, without regard to the agency that expends them, for the Economic Support Fund, the Iraq Security Forces Fund, and the Commander's Emergency Response Program, among other funding sources. SIGIR will focus efforts in three broad areas:

Funding Summary (\$ in thousands)

Description	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Estimate	FY 2010 Request
Personnel Compensation	19,716	28,118	21,297
Travel and Transportation	777	795	646
Rent, Communications, and Utilities	1,937	2,302	2,088
Contractual Services and Supplies	6,432	6,811	5,896
TOTAL	28,862	38,026	29,927
Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency ¹	0	0	72
GRAND TOTAL	28,862	38,026	29,999

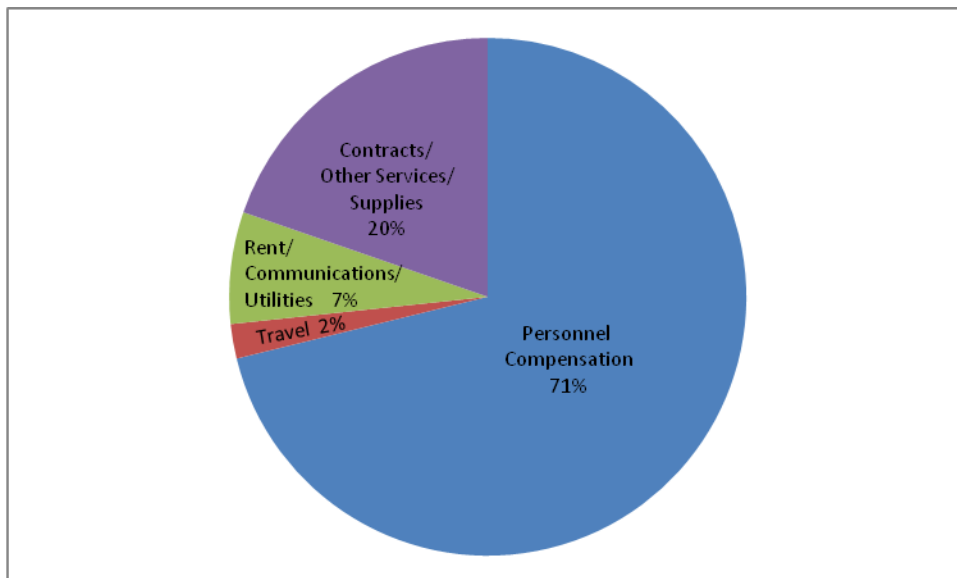
¹ - Budgeted for FY 2010 in accordance with the Inspector General Reform Act of 2008.

- (1) Improving business practices and accountability in managing contracts and grants associated with the reconstruction of Iraq;
- (2) Assessing and strengthening economy, efficiency and effectiveness of programs and operations designed to facilitate the reconstruction of Iraq; and
- (3) Providing for independent and objective leadership and coordination of, and recommendations on policies designed to address problems and deficiencies in, reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

SIGIR has a statutory mandate to prepare a final forensic report for all amounts appropriated or otherwise made available for Iraq reconstruction. SIGIR forensic cells, combining audit and investigative expertise, have been created to identify indicators of fraud, waste, and abuse. This work may produce investigatory leads and identify weaknesses in financial reporting and disbursement systems. As part of the FY 2010 work plan, computer data mining techniques will be applied to financial records from each of the major Iraq reconstruction funds from 2003 to 2009. This data mining effort will provide key input to SIGIR's final forensic audit report.

FY 2010 Budget Summary

Funding by Category



Personnel Compensation

SIGIR employs personnel appointed into the Excepted Service who are generally assigned to 13-month appointments in anticipation of the closeout of the SIGIR mission. Personnel are located in the United States and Iraq. The agency requires a total of \$21,297K for personnel compensation. This amount includes basic pay, entitlements associated with duty in Iraq, and benefits for all employees.

SIGIR's greatest asset is its workforce, with auditors, investigators, inspectors, and information services staff making up 76% of all positions. The remaining 24% includes management, human resources, procurement, budget, general counsel, and congressional and public affairs staff.

Travel and Transportation

SIGIR requests \$646K for travel. This includes travel for all Iraq-based staff, as well as travel for Washington, DC-based employees, including teams that rotate on 30-60 day assignments to Iraq and employees who travel in the United States and to other locations in support of investigations and audits. This estimate also includes funds for training-related travel.

Rent, Communications, and Utilities

SIGIR requires office space in the Washington metropolitan area as well as communication services and information technology supporting a robust public website with more than 25,000 pages of information. SIGIR's request includes \$2,088K for these requirements.

Contractual Services and Supplies

Printing and Reproduction - SIGIR contracts for Quarterly Report production/printing support and document imaging/data processing services associated with its investigative efforts. SIGIR's request includes \$383K for these services.

Administrative/Operational Support Services - SIGIR also engages the private sector to provide support in two other areas: administrative support services and operational (professional/technical) support, including complex computer matching and data mining support, as well as report translation and interpreter services in Iraq. SIGIR's request includes \$5,156K for these services. This amount has been steadily reduced over the years as SIGIR has undertaken an in-sourcing effort. Contract support remains vital in areas where technological tools and specialized skills are needed on a less than full-time basis to supplement audit, analysis, and investigative work.

Other Services (not included in the above categories):

- SIGIR requires \$119K to train its personnel – a significant percentage is dedicated to maintaining required auditor, investigator, engineering, and other professional certifications.
- The remaining \$120K for this category is required to cover costs related to advertising SIGIR vacancies, which is essential to prompt recruitment of qualified staff; facility-related expenses such as after-hours heating/cooling needed during surge production periods; security system; cleaning services; vehicle lease; subsidized fitness program; and professional subscription services.

Supplies/Equipment - This category, estimated at \$118K, includes estimates for supplies/shipping costs budgeted for both U.S. and Iraq-based requirements.

In summary, a total of \$5,896K is required to fund SIGIR's contractual services and supply requirements for FY2010.

NOTE: In accordance with the Inspector General Reform Act of 2008, SIGIR has included a budget estimate to support the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency. This estimate, approximately \$72K, is based on .24% of SIGIR's total budget of \$29,927K. Consequently, SIGIR requires a total of approximately \$30M to support FY2010 requirements.