

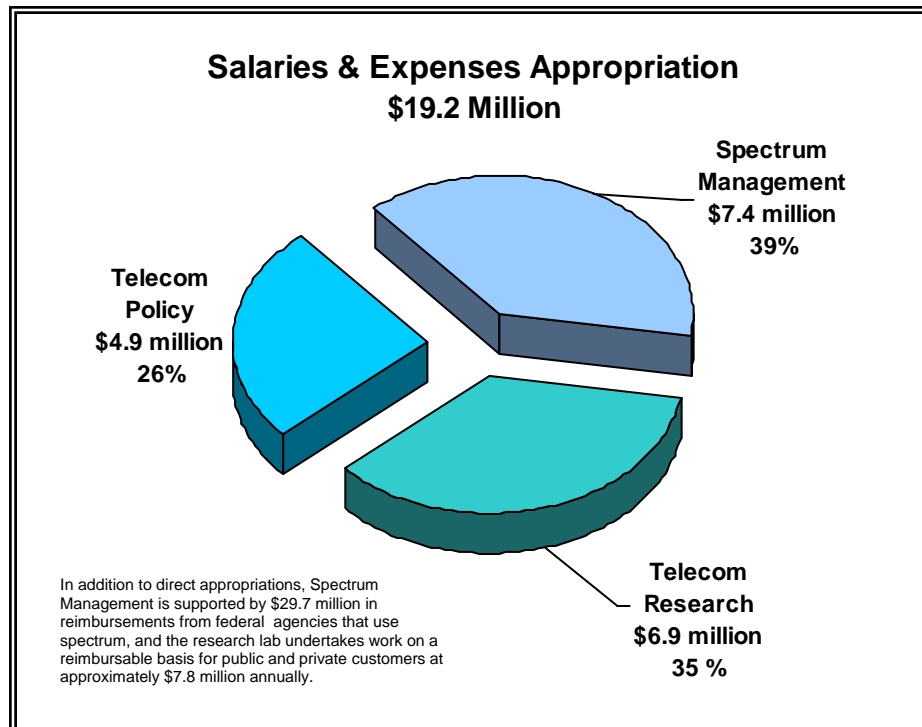
## NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION FY 2009 Budget

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is responsible for the development of domestic and international telecommunications and information policy for the Executive Branch, for ensuring the efficient and effective use of the Federal radio spectrum, and for performing state-of-the-art telecommunications research, engineering, and planning.

### Salaries and Expenses Appropriation

NTIA's policy, spectrum management, and research programs will support emerging technologies and uses of spectrum resources for affordable, alternative communications services. Promising technologies and services have the potential to drive the new economy, if given the opportunity to succeed. The Administration and NTIA support the advancement of information technologies and have moved aggressively to create an economic and regulatory environment in which innovations in information and communications technologies can flourish.

NTIA programs directly support the **American Competitiveness Initiative** by creating a regulatory environment that fosters private sector innovation in telecommunications, a fundamental ingredient in maintaining the Nation's productivity growth. NTIA, in conjunction with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the Department of State, and other partners, is a vital component in the President's **Spectrum Policy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** initiative. The goals of this initiative are to: foster economic growth; ensure our national and homeland security; maintain U.S. global leadership in communications technology development and services; and satisfy other vital U.S. needs in areas such as public safety, scientific research, Federal transportation infrastructure, and law enforcement. The budget of \$19.2 million and 103 FTE will enable NTIA to aggressively pursue these goals.



### Public Telecommunications Facilities, Planning and Construction Appropriation

NTIA will discontinue the PTFPC program in FY 2009. Previously appropriated funds that become available will be used hereafter to administer prior year grants.

## Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Fund (Fund)

The Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Fund was created by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Act), as amended. The Fund receives offsetting receipts from the auction of electromagnetic spectrum recovered from discontinued analog television signals, and provides funding for several programs (listed below) from these receipts. The Act specifies that recovered spectrum not dedicated to public safety use will be auctioned by the Federal Communications Commission in 2008, and identifies the distribution of revenue.

The Act, as amended, also provided borrowing authority to the Department of Commerce to commence specified programs prior to the availability of auction receipts, which are expected to be available in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, FY 2008. Amounts borrowed from the Treasury will be returned without interest upon the availability of auction revenue. The FY 2009 budget includes estimated receipts of \$13.858 billion.

<b>Obligations</b> (\$ millions)				
Programs	FY 2008		FY 2009	
	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE
Digital-to-Analog Converter Box Coupon Program	\$427.1	9	\$471.9	7
Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grants	11.5	3	6.5	3
New York City 9/11 Digital Transition	21.2	<1	0.3	<1
Assistance to Low-Power Television Stations	9.5	3	60.2	7
National Alert Programs	90.1	1	2.2	4
National Tsunami Warning Program	0.0	0	50.0	0
Enhanced 9-1-1 Service Support	42.4	0	0.6	1
Essential Air Service Program <sup>1</sup>	15.0	0	0.0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>616.8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>591.7</b>	<b>22</b>

<sup>1</sup> NTIA will provide funding to the Department of Transportation for this program.

