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for the detection and investigation of improper and illegal activities involving GSA programs, personnel, and operations.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$43,410,000 for the Office of Inspector General. This amount is the same as the President's budget request and \$1,398,000 above the fiscal year 2005 enacted level.

ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT (E-GOV) FUND

Appropriations, 2005 .....	\$2,976,000
Budget estimate, 2006 .....	5,000,000
House allowance .....	3,000,000
Committee recommendation .....	5,000,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program supports interagency "electronic government" or "e-gov" initiatives, i.e., projects that use the Internet or other electronic methods to provide individuals, businesses, and other government agencies with simpler and more timely access to Federal information, benefits, services, and business opportunities.

Proposals for funding must meet capital planning guidelines and include adequate documentation to demonstrate a sound business case, attention to security and privacy, and a way to measure performance against planned results. In addition, a small portion of the money could be used for awards to those project management teams that delivered the best product to meet customer needs.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee recommends an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the Electronic Government Fund. This amount is the same as the President's request. The Committee supports the use of funding under this account for the continued development of an eTravel System, which is designed to centralize a travel system for the Federal Government through a self-service electronic system. The eTravel system when completed will eliminate the hardcopy travel documentation. This program will ultimately automate the entire travel process and is projected to save some \$450,000,000 over 10 years. Nevertheless, the Committee believes that the eTravel system should be designed to ensure the participation of small business subcontracting and directs GSA to establish benchmarks to ensure the participation and growth of small business participation. These benchmarks shall be no less than 23 percent of all contracted dollars.

ALLOWANCES AND OFFICE STAFF FOR FORMER PRESIDENTS

Appropriations, 2005 .....	\$3,081,000
Budget estimate, 2006 .....	2,952,000
House allowance .....	2,952,000
Committee recommendation .....	2,952,000

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This appropriation provides support consisting of pensions, office staffs, and related expenses for former Presidents Gerald R. Ford,