

Wall IPT Update

BACKGROUND

As part of the Secure Fence Act (SFA), CBP was tasked with constructing hundreds of miles of “two-layer” fencing along specific segments of the Southwest border. In 2007, Congress repealed SFA with section 102 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA). Having completed hundreds of miles of fence in 2009, Congress was not appropriating large sums for new fence, and rather the focus became on maintenance and repair of existing fence and deploying other border infrastructure (towers and radar).

In support of the recent Executive Order signed by President Trump, CBP is in the initial planning phases of refining ‘wall’ requirements and developing appropriate plans to support these requirements.

CURRENT STATUS

- Requested (b) (5) in funding in support of the Executive Order
- Focus is on Phase I and developing schedule, acquisition strategy and appropriate docs to support USBP wall requirements.

Requirement Type	Estimated New Miles
Phase IA: New Primary PF	(b) (7)(E)
Phase IB: New Primary PF RGV (R/E planning only)	
Phase II: New Primary PF	
Phase II: Replacement Primary PF And VF to PF	
Phase II: Secondary Fence	
Phase III: New Primary PF	

NEXT STEPS

- Market Research being conducted by USACE for potential reqs.
- Continuing to work with OCC, OPA, OCA, Office of Acquisition and others to develop a path forward
- Continue to coordinate with USACE on MATOC requirements
- Construction award can begin as early as July 2017 for a first segment. This assumes funding and a waiver of applicable environmental and land management laws by the Secretary of DHS will be granted timely.
- Site visits for Phase IA in San Diego and El Paso Sectors scheduled (early to mid February)

FOR DISCUSSION or EAC ACTION

- A waiver(s) of applicable environmental laws by the Secretary of DHS is necessary in order to execute tactical infrastructure improvements along the border
- Exemptions on hiring freeze and direct hire authority

