



SOUTHWEST BORDER
REGIONAL COMMISSION

Southwest Border Regional Commission Lapse Plan Summary

To be enacted in the event of a lapse in governmental appropriations

Lapse Plan Summary Overview	
Estimated time (to nearest half day) required to complete shutdown activities:	2 days
Total number of agency employees expected to be on board before implementation of the plan:	3 employees
Total number of agency employees expected to be furloughed under the plan (unduplicated count):	2 employees
Total number of employees to be retained under the plan for each of the following categories (may include duplicated counts):	
Compensation is financed by a resource other than annual appropriations:	3 employees
Necessary to perform activities expressly authorized by law:	1 employee
Necessary to perform activities necessarily implied by law:	0 employees
Necessary to the discharge of the President's constitutional duties and powers:	0 employees
Necessary to protect life and property:	0 employees

Brief summary of significant agency activities that will continue during a lapse:

The Southwest Border Regional Commission (SBRC) is funded on a “no-year” basis. Specifically, its appropriations “remain available until expended,” which means that SBRC can incur obligations against such budget authority indefinitely, per OMB Circular A-11, Section 20. In the event of a lapse, SBRC would be able to maintain operations using any balances of such “no-year” funds from previous years, provided they are appropriately apportioned.

Brief summary of significant agency activities that will cease during a lapse:

Should a funding lapse extend for a prolonged period, SBRC may begin to take steps to shutdown activities. Shutdown procedures will proceed in a manner that minimizes disruption in service to any existing grantees. *These activities will include* curtailing travel, and delaying, suspending, or eliminating non-essential administrative contracts. After exhausting these measures, the SBRC will begin to take measures to furlough staff, beginning with shortening work weeks, and finally furloughing all non-grant staff members. Staff members who work directly with grantees will be the

last staff furloughed. Finally, the SBRC will delay any *new* programmatic activities until an appropriation is enacted.

The Federal Co-Chair will be responsible for communicating with staff regarding their furlough status as operations shut down. The Federal Co-Chair (as Agency Head, referenced below), will notify the staff when appropriations resume, following notification from OMB. At that point Federal Co-Chair will notify staff where and when to begin reporting for work.

Please note that the Federal Co-Chair will be the only SBRC employee to continue to report for work during the entire shutdown period described above, as this position is classified as **PAS**, and is therefore exempt.

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