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FY09 BDO allocations have been released.

Historically, the FY07 and FY08 BDO allocations were to provide an additional layer of security at the aviation checkpoints. In FY09 our focus has shifted beyond the checkpoint. Specifically, the BDO presence will be spread throughout the entire airport as well as across the entire multi-modal transportation sector. It is important to note that increased allocations were not intended to create "stand alone" BDO ADASP or other teams, but instead to enhance the capabilities of the SPOT program for additional layers of security away from the checkpoint, such as performing SPOT, ADASP, VIPR, etc.

The SPOT program will NOT be taking over the TDC function. FSDs have the discretion to assign BDOs the responsibility for checking travel documents on a random basis. BDOs performing the TDC function, even as intermittent duties are required to obtain and maintain the proper TDC certification.

If you have any questions, please contact the SPOT program office.

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