

Advocacy Initiatives and Federal Budget Report

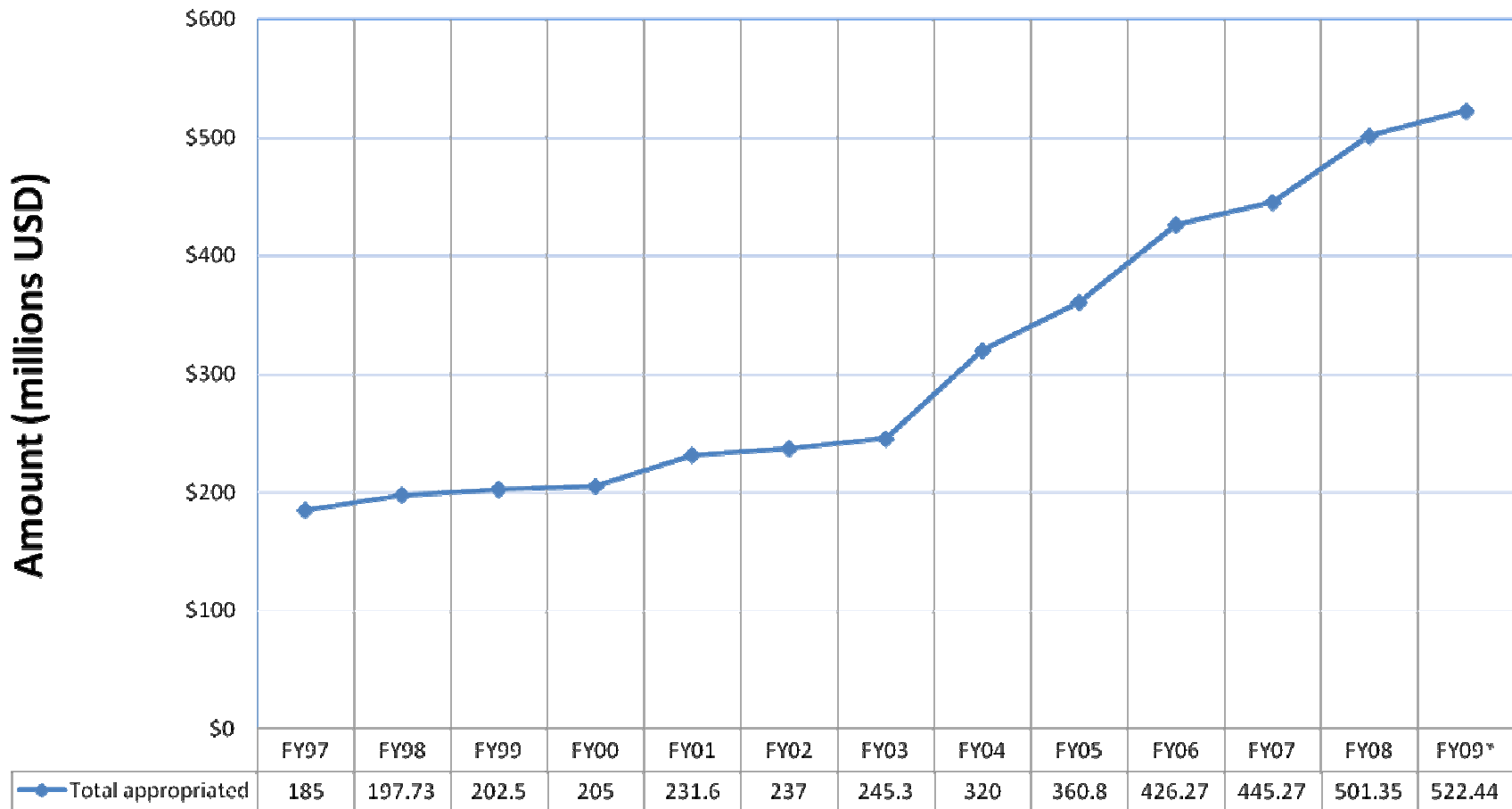
**CSIET Annual Meeting
October 24, 2008
San Diego, CA**



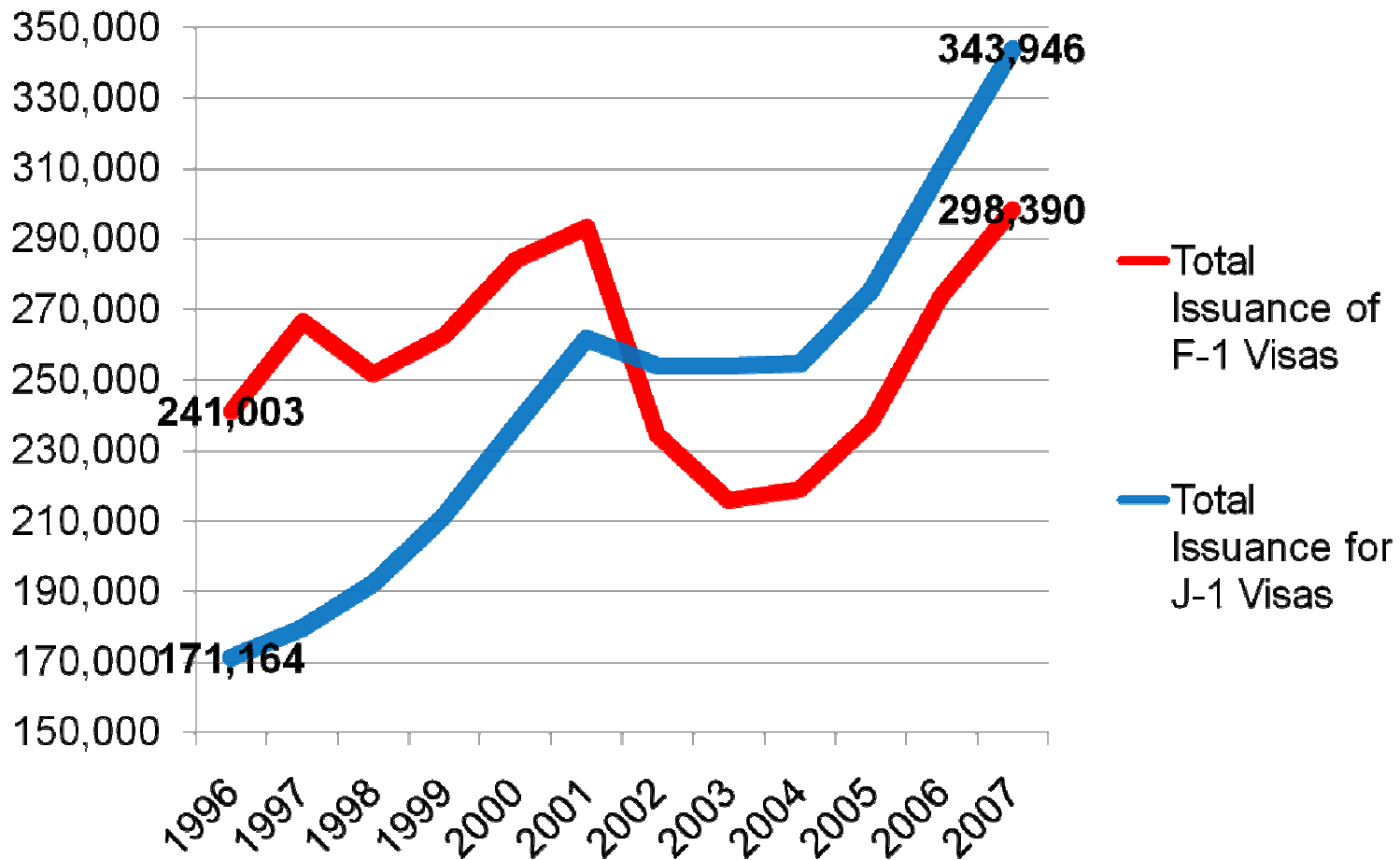
**What's New in Washington –
Policy, Programs, and Money**

Follow the Money

ECA funding



Total Issuance of F-1 and J-1 Visas FY 1996-2007



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State Tax Deduction for Host Families



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State Tax Deduction for Host Families

- ❑ \$200 per month State Tax Deduction for families hosting exchange students.
- ❑ Applied to the 2008 Tax Year.
- ❑ Adjusted to the cost-of-living index in subsequent years.



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CSIET Advocacy Materials:

- Guidance for program volunteers and staff
- Talking Points
- Sample Legislative Text
- Sample Constituent Letters
- U.S. State Hosting Numbers
- Centralized Information and Legislative Data on the CSIET Website



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Outreach Strategy:

- States That Release IEW Proclamations
 - 2007 IEW – 41 U.S. States and the District
 - Several cities and State Boards of Ed.



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Outreach Strategy:

□ Top Ten Hosting States Per Capita

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| 1. Montana | 6. Oregon * |
| 2. South Dakota * | 7. Vermont * |
| 3. Kansas * | 8. North Dakota |
| 4. Idaho * | 9. Wisconsin * |
| 5. Minnesota * | 10. Iowa * |



** Governor IEW Proclamation in 2007*

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State Tax Deduction for Host Families

Benefits:

- Financial Relief/Support For Working Host Families That Volunteer
- Encourage New Families to Host
- Greater Local Awareness of Youth Exchange Programs
- Proactive and Positive Legislative Campaign for CSIET Community

