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<b>RDT&amp;E BUDGET ITEM JUSTIFICATION SHEET (R-2 Exhibit)</b>							<b>DATE</b> February 2003	
<b>APPROPRIATION/BUDGET ACTIVITY</b> RDT&E, Defense Wide/BA 1						<b>R-1 ITEM NOMENCLATURE</b> * <b>Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competition PE 0601114D8Z</b>		
<i>COST (In Millions)</i>	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009
Total PE Cost	16.824	16.455	0	0	0	0	0	0

**(U) A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification**

\* **Beginning in FY 2004, Defense Experimental Program to Simulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR) program will be transferred to the Army Research Office under PE-0601114A for management and execution responsibility and will result in a more appropriate policy-level role for OSD.**

(U) Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR). The DEPSCoR is a legislated program that helps build national infrastructure for research and education by funding research activities in science and engineering fields important to national defense. Participation in this program is limited to states that meet eligibility criteria as set forth in the authorizing language. The program is intended to improve the capabilities of institutions of higher education (IHE) to develop, plan and execute science and engineering research that is competitive under the peer-review system. IHEs in eligible states are invited, through their NSF State EPSCoR Committee, to compete for research/infrastructure awards in areas identified by the department in broad agency announcements regularly published by the Services.

(U) Through FY2000 DEPSCoR was funded within the University Research Initiative Program (PE 0601103D8Z).

**B. Program Change Summary:**

	<u>FY 2002</u>	<u>FY 2003</u>	<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>
Previous President's Budget	16.824	9.864	9.819	9.780
Current FY2004 President's Budget	16.824	16.455	0	0
Total Adjustments		6.591	-9.819	-9.780
Congressional Program reductions		-.409		
Congressional Rescissions				
Congressional Increases		7.000		
Reprogrammings				
SBIR/STTR Transfer				
Other			-9.819	-9.780

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**C. Other Program Funding Summary:**

**D. Acquisition Strategy: NA**

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Exhibit R-2a, RDT&E Project Justification							Date: February 2003	
Appropriation/Budget Activity RDT&E, D BA1				Project Name and Number <b>* Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCOR) PE 0601114D8Z</b>				
Cost (\$ in millions)	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
DEPSCOR/ P 114	16.824	16.455	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification:</b>								
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<b>B. Accomplishments/Planned Program:</b>								
	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005				
<b>Research</b>	16.824	16.455	0	0				
<p>FY 2002 Accomplishments: (U) The Department of Defense awarded \$15.7M in grants for research/infrastructure support to 29 academic institutions in 16 states, including Puerto Rico, to perform research in science and engineering fields important to national defense. Proposals were competitively selected by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, the Army Research Office, the Office of Naval Research, and the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (Science and Technology Directorate) to receive an average of \$291K each year over the three year grant period. The DEPSCOR is designed to expand research opportunities to states that have traditionally received the least funding in federal support for university research.</p> <p>FY 2003 Plans: (U) This is a congressionally mandated program that will continue to be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the goals established in the authorizing legislation and at a level of performance directly proportional to the funding that is annually adjusted by Congress. Research proposals from eligible states will be competitively selected for funding.</p> <p>* Beginning in FY 2004, Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCOR) - PE 0601114D8Z will be transferred to the Army under PE-0601114A for management and execution responsibility.</p> <p><b>C. Other Program Funding Summary: None</b> <b>D. Acquisition Strategy: NA</b></p>								

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