

OSD RDT&E BUDGET ITEM JUSTIFICATION (R2 Exhibit)

February 2008

APPROPRIATION/ BUDGET ACTIVITY
RDTE, Defense Wide BA 01

PE NUMBER AND TITLE
0601114D8Z - Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCOR)

COST (\$ in Millions)	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2009 Estimate	FY 2010 Estimate	FY 2011 Estimate	FY 2012 Estimate	FY 2013 Estimate
P114 Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCOR)	8.992	16.931	2.833				

A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification: (U) The Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR) is a legislated program that funds research activities in science and engineering fields at institutions of higher education in selected states. DEPSCoR was intended to expand research opportunities in states that traditionally received the least funding in federal support for university research.

(U) Participation in this program is limited to states that meet eligibility criteria as set forth in the authorizing language. The program improves the capabilities of institutions of higher education to develop, plan, and execute science and engineering research that is competitive under a peer-review system. Educational institutions in eligible DEPSCoR states are invited, to compete for research/infrastructure awards in areas identified by the department in Broad Agency Announcements published by the Services. The first 2008 BAA closed on October 26, 2007. Anticipated announcement of winners on or about March 28, 2008.

(U) Due to new language in the FY 2008 Authorization Conference Report the Senate amendment contained a provision (sec. 254) that would give the Department of Defense more flexibility in its execution of the DEPSCoR Program, therefore a second BAA will be published early 2008 to allow competition in accordance with the new language.

(U) Also Sec. 241 of the FY 2008 Authorization Conference Report directs the Secretary of Defense to utilize a defense federally funded research and development center to carry out an assessment of the DEPSCoR program. The assessment is due no later than nine months after the date of the enactment of this Act (September 2008).

<u>B. Program Change Summary</u>	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Previous President's Budget (FY 2008)	9.478	5.878	2.833
Current BES/President's Budget (FY 2009)	8.992	16.931	2.833
Total Adjustments	-0.486	11.053	
Congressional Program Reductions		-0.147	
Congressional Rescissions			
Congressional Increases		11.200	
Reprogrammings			
SBIR/STTR Transfer	-0.255		
Other	-0.231		

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C. Other Program Funding Summary Not applicable for this item.

D. Acquisition Strategy Not applicable for this item.

E. Performance Metrics: Not Applicable.

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B. Accomplishments/Planned Program:

<u>Accomplishments/Planned Program Title:</u>	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>
Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR)	8.992		

FY 2007 Accomplishments:
 Awarded 17 grants to 13 academic institutions in 9 states to perform research in science and engineering fields.
 Proposals were competitively selected by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, the Army Research Office, and the Office of Naval Research
 Average award: \$441,000 each (total over the three year grant period).

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Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR)		16.931	

FY 2008 Planned Program:
 First FY08 BAA closed 26 October 2007. Following evaluation and selection, FY 2008 DEPSCoR grants will be announced end of March, 2008.

Second FY08 BAA to be announced in early 2008.

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Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR)			2.833

FY 2009 Planned Program:
 Plan to announce a FY 2009 BAA for DEPSCoR states to compete.

C. Other Program Funding Summary Not applicable for this item.

D. Acquisition Strategy Not applicable for this item.

E. Major Performers

Category	Name	Location	Type of Work and Description	Award Date
<u>Labs/Centers</u>				
	Army Research Office	Research Triangle Park, NC	Continue research/infrastructure support improving the capabilities of institutions of higher education to develop, plan, and execute science and engineering research that is competitive under the peer-review.	Mar 08
	Air Force Office of Scientific Research	Arlington, VA	Continue research/infrastructure support improving the capabilities of institutions of higher education to develop, plan, and execute science and engineering research that is competitive under the peer-review.	Mar 08

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