



The Future Funding of Development Efforts on Power Technologies

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How it has been

- Modest levels of funding from DOD budget
 - > Competitive awards
 - > BAA awards
- Earmarks for Specific Topics
 - > Normally clear who wins
 - > Normally the R&D effort is company derived
 - > Most are BAA awards

What Has Changed

- Earmarks are dead in the House
- Earmarks are mortally wounded in the Senate
- Committee resolution will most likely not include many, if any Earmarks

- It may only last 2 years
- It may become permanent (doubtful)
- They may change the rules to force all Earmarks to be competitively awarded in DOD

How do we do R&D in the future?

■ Govt Employees

- > Apply for funding every way possible
- > Use special programs like MANTECH, Foreign Competitive Technology
- > Hold open meetings to discuss with Industry what areas need to be funded
- > Hold Industry Day and present your plans in tangible terms
 - Tell us the programs you intend to fund
 - Tell us the scale of the program and funds you have
 - Tell us the schedule
- > Use BAA or Competitive Bid or....

What can Industry do?

- Participate! Attend the aforementioned meetings
- Lobby your Congressional Delegation to support the DOD Budget (sounds dumb, but in the current environment, it is necessary)
- Be competitive – Bid to win
- Be communicative if possible. Can't share your secrets but you can speak up if something is needed

The way forward

- Encourage the NDIA Power Forum to push for more unrestricted (i.e. not SBIR) R&D funding for Power Sources
- All Contractors engage our Congressional Delegation to make the aware of our need to be supported in R&D to make the Warfighter better off
- All Government Employees get aggressive with funding requests and methods of creating and funding programs within the system

We are in this together!

Discussion

- General Comments?
- Disagreement?
- Ideas on successful programs other than standard?
- Cooperative R&D with friendly nations?
- How can we help each other better in this environment?