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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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