

Exhibit R-2, RDT&E Budget Item Justification							February 2003		
Appropriation/Budget Activity RDT&E, Defense Wide/BA 3					R-1 Item Nomenclature: Defense TechLink Program PE0603942D8Z				
Cost (\$ in millions)	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	
Total PE Cost	0	0	2.000	1.936	2.251	2.249	2.241	2.246	
A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification:									
<p>Defense TechLink is a critical element in the Department's technology transfer, transition, and acquisition activities. Its three-fold mission is (1) integration of advanced commercial-sector technologies into DoD systems, particularly from nontraditional defense contractors; (2) spin-off of DoD-developed technologies to the commercial sector to make these technologies more affordable for military acquisition; and (3) establishment of collaborative R&D projects with the private sector for cost-sharing of new dual-use technology development. Congress has provided plus-ups in each of the past three years for TechLink. The FY 2003 Senate Appropriations Committee report states, "The Committee continues its support for the Defense TechLink program and strongly encourages the Department of Defense to include funding for this program in its fiscal year 2004 budget submission. Defense TechLink has been highly successful at helping the Department transfer its technologies to U.S. companies, making these technologies available for both military and commercial applications. The Department is urged to make the Defense TechLink program a permanent part of its technology transfer, transition, and acquisition activities." TechLink is highly cost-effective and has provided a return on the investment to DoD of nearly 3:1 on funds expended to date. This efficiently run organization currently accounts for 15 per cent of all DoD patent license agreements (PLAs) and has brokered nearly 80 cooperative research and development agreements (CRADAs) and other R&D partnerships involving innovative companies new to DOD.</p>									
B. Program Change Summary:									
	<u>FY 2002</u>	<u>FY 2003</u>	<u>FY 2004</u>	<u>FY 2005</u>					
Previous President's Budget	N/A	N/A	2.000	2.000					
Current FY2004 President's Budget	N/A	N/A	2.000	1.936					
Total Adjustments									
Congressional program reductions									
Congressional rescissions									
Congressional increases	0	0							
Reprogrammings									
SBIR/STTR Transfer									
C. Other Program Funding Summary: N/A									
D. Acquisition Strategy: N/A									