

Subject: EA-6B Prowler-New Start Appropriation Title: Aircraft Procurement, Navy, 05/07	DoD Serial Number: FY 05-15 PA
	Includes Transfer? No

Component Serial Number: FY 05-1 PA Line Item a	<i>(Amounts in Thousands of Dollars)</i>							
	Program Base Reflecting Congressional Action		Program Previously Approved by Sec Def		Reprogramming Action		Revised Program	
	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount	Quantity	Amount
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This action is being submitted for prior approval because it initiates a new start within the Aircraft Procurement, Navy, 05/07 appropriation. The purpose of this action is to request authorization to implement FY 2005 productive ratio initiatives for the EA-6B Prowler. This action meets all administrative and legal requirements of the Congress, and the items for which reprogramming is requested have not previously been denied by the Congress.

<u>Aircraft Procurement, Navy, 05/07</u>				<u> -</u>			
<u>Budget Activity 5: Aircraft Modifications</u>							
EA-6 Series	116,277		116,277		<u> -</u>		116,277
Wing Center Sections					-23,300		
Hydraulics (seals, pumps, reservoir, turbine)					+8,400		
Flight Control Surfaces Upgrades					+6,100		
Aircraft wiring upgrades					+4,800		
J52 Build Standard Review					+4,000		

Explanation: Productive ratio initiatives meet an emergent requirement to increase aircraft availability in support of prosecuting the Global War on Terrorism while minimizing operating and support costs that are restraining recapitalization. The Department will reduce the EA-6B fleet by 12 aircraft, freeing up \$23.3 million of wing center section modification funds planned for those aircraft. Wing center section replacement will end with a total of 114 wings being procured. This number of replacement wings will sustain the inventory of EA-6Bs until the planned transition to the EA-18G. The excess FY 2005 funds of \$23.3 million will be realigned within the EA-6B program to finance productive ratio initiatives that will improve EA-6B hydraulic systems (hydraulic seals, pumps, reservoirs), the forward cooling turbine, wiring upgrades, and flight control surfaces.

The EA-6B productive ratio funding requirements are \$23.3 million in FY 2005, \$22.7 million in FY 2006, \$14.1 million in FY 2007, and \$4.8 million in FY 2008 to upgrade the EA-6B fleet with an improved hydraulic system (seals, pumps, reservoirs), forward cooling turbine, aircraft wiring, and flight control surfaces. The FY 2006 through FY 2008 funding is included in the FY 2006 President's Budget and accompanying Future Years Defense Program.

Approved (Signature and Date)  MAF 15 2005