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<b>Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Budget Estimates</b>							<b>DATE</b>	
<b>RDT&amp;E BUDGET ITEM JUSTIFICATION SHEET (R-2 Exhibit)</b>							February 2004	
<b>APPROPRIATION/BUDGET ACTIVITY</b>						<b>R-1 ITEM NOMENCLATURE</b>		
RDT&E, Defense Wide/BA 1						Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competition PE 0601114D8Z		
<b>COST (In Millions)</b>	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	
Total PE Cost	15.197	9.578	9.590	9.738	9.933	9.977	10.193	

**(U)      A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification**

(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 FY 2000 DEPSCoR was funded within the University Research Initiative Program (PE 0601103D8Z).

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**B. Program Change Summary:**

	<b>FY 2003</b>	<b>FY 2004</b>	<b>FY 2005</b>
Previous President's Budget	16.455	0.000	0.000
Current FY 2005 President's Budget	15.197	9.578	9.590
Total Adjustments	-1.258	9.578	9.590
Congressional Program reductions	1.258		
Congressional Rescissions			
Congressional Direction		-9.730	9.590
Reprogrammings			
SBIR/STTR Transfer			
Other			

**C. Other Program Funding Summary:**

**D. Acquisition Strategy: NA**

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Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Budget Estimates Exhibit R-2a, RDT&E Project Justification							Date: February 2004	
Appropriation/Budget Activity RDT&E, D BA1				Project Name and Number <b>* Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCOR) PE 0601114D8Z</b>				
Cost (\$ in millions)	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	
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<b>B. Accomplishments/Planned Program:</b>								
	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005					
<b>Research</b>	15.197	9.578	9.590					

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**FY 2003 Accomplishments:**

(U) Research. The Department of Defense (DoD) awarded 30 separate grants for research/infrastructure support to 18 academic institutions in 14 States to perform research in science and engineering fields important to national defense. Proposals were competitively selected by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, the Army Research Office and the Office of Naval Research to receive an average of \$500,000 each over the three year grant period. The DEPSCoR is designed to expand research opportunities in States that have traditionally received the least funding in federal support for university research. (\$ 15.197 million)

**FY 2004 Plans:**

(U) Research. This is a congressionally mandated program that will continue to be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the goals established in the authorizing legislation and at a level of performance directly proportional to the funding that is annually adjusted by Congress. Research proposals from eligible states will be competitively selected for funding.(\$ 9.578 million)

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**C. Other Program Funding Summary: None**

**D. Acquisition Strategy: NA**

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