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<b>Appropriation/Budget Activity</b> 0400: <i>Research, Development, Test &amp; Evaluation, Defense-Wide I BA 4: Advanced Component Development &amp; Prototypes (ACD&amp;P)</i>	<b>R-1 Program Element (Number/Name)</b> PE 0604341D8Z I <i>DIU Prototyping</i>
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COST (\$ in Millions)	Prior Years	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024 Base	FY 2024 OCO	FY 2024 Total	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	Cost To Complete	Total Cost
Total Program Element	52.108	15.585	41.902	0.000	-	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	Continuing	Continuing
843: <i>DIU Prototyping</i>	52.108	10.585	26.689	0.000	-	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	Continuing	Continuing
844: <i>National Security Innovation Capital</i>	0.000	5.000	15.213	0.000	-	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	Continuing	Continuing

**Note**

New Start (Y/N): No

**A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification**

This program supports the Department's initiatives to Build a Sustainable and Long-Term Advantage, and Build a Resilient Joint Force and Defense Ecosystem.

The Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) mission is to strengthen U.S. national security by accelerating the adoption of commercial technology throughout the military and growing the national security innovation base. DIU partners with organizations across the DoD and the interagency to rapidly prototype, field, and scale commercial solutions that can save lives, lead to new operational concepts, increase efficiencies, and save taxpayer dollars. With offices in Silicon Valley, Boston, Austin, Chicago, and in the Pentagon, DIU is able to attract the best and brightest talent and cutting-edge solutions.

The National Defense Strategy for FY 2022 asserts that we have returned to an era of inter-state strategic competition with Russia and China, heightening the sense of urgency with which the nation, and Department of Defense (DoD), must reform our acquisition policies and approach to sustaining military-technical superiority. Notably, 11 of the 14 critical technology focus areas are dual use and rapidly developed by the commercial sector. While adversaries are challenging the U.S. across several dimensions, most importantly, our near peer competitors are at par or ahead of the United States in critical technology areas. Consistent with the Administration's research and development budget priorities, this new era of competition requires technological superiority to ensure the United States' ability to project power, maintain international norms and rule of law, provide credible deterrence, and prevail in conflict.

DIU increases the Department's access to commercial technologies and talent, with the ultimate goal of fielding leading-edge technology to warfighters at the speed of relevance. Working across the country, and in collaboration with our allies and partners, DIU is developing new ways of doing business, growing our national security innovation base to include more "non-traditional" companies that had previously not collaborated with the military, working with traditional vendors in novel ways to increase efficiency, and challenging innovators to share their knowledge and expertise in support of our nation's defense.

Through a competitive prototype process, DIU identifies and provides access to technology companies and products on behalf of DoD organizations. Additionally, DIU executes projects to leverage commercial sector technology analogous to military applications thereby increasing dual-use technology agility for the DoD. DIU Prototyping funds facilitate the award of projects that can augment commercial technologies, existing government-owned capabilities, or concepts for defense application.

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DIU focuses on six technology areas where commercial industry is the lead:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI)/ Machine Learning (ML) – Applying AI/ML learning to accelerate critical decision making and operational impact.
- Autonomy – Adopting and countering autonomous systems with a focus on human-machine interaction and scalable teaming.
- Cyber – Making enterprise combat information open, accessible, and secure for defense personnel across the globe.
- Energy - Leveraging proven advancement in energy and materials technology to enhance capabilities and strengthen resilience across installation and distributed operations.
- Human Systems – Optimizing the human system and its enabling platforms through enhanced equipment, innovative training, and novel health applications.
- Space – Developing on-demand access to space, persistent satellite capabilities, and broadband space data transfer.

<b>B. Program Change Summary (\$ in Millions)</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024 Base</b>	<b>FY 2024 OCO</b>	<b>FY 2024 Total</b>
Previous President's Budget	16.178	24.402	24.414	-	24.414
Current President's Budget	15.585	41.902	0.000	-	0.000
Total Adjustments	-0.593	17.500	-24.414	-	-24.414
• Congressional General Reductions	-	-			
• Congressional Directed Reductions	-	-			
• Congressional Rescissions	-	-			
• Congressional Adds	-	17.500			
• Congressional Directed Transfers	-	-			
• Reprogrammings	-	-			
• SBIR/STTR Transfer	-	-			
• Program Adjustments	-0.593	-	-24.414	-	-24.414

**Congressional Add Details (\$ in Millions, and Includes General Reductions)**

**Project: 843: *DIU Prototyping***

Congressional Add: *Orbital Prototyping*

Congressional Add: *Visual Augmentation Technology*

Congressional Add Subtotals for Project: 843

**Project: 844: *National Security Innovation Capital***

Congressional Add: *Long Duration Energy Storage, including Lithium Batteries (also known as Jumpstart for Advanced Battery Standarization)*

Congressional Add Subtotals for Project: 844

	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
	-	11.000
	-	6.500
Congressional Add Subtotals for Project: 843	-	17.500
	5.000	-
Congressional Add Subtotals for Project: 844	5.000	-

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**Congressional Add Details (\$ in Millions, and Includes General Reductions)**

	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
Congressional Add Totals for all Projects	5.000	17.500

**Change Summary Explanation**

FY 2024 funding re-aligned to new National Security Innovation Capital (NSIC) Program Element (PE) 0603021D8Z and Defense Innovation Unit PE 0603342D8Z to better align funding to the mission.

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<b>Appropriation/Budget Activity</b> 0400 / 4					<b>R-1 Program Element (Number/Name)</b> PE 0604341D8Z / <i>DIU Prototyping</i>				<b>Project (Number/Name)</b> 843 / <i>DIU Prototyping</i>			
<b>COST (\$ in Millions)</b>	<b>Prior Years</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024 Base</b>	<b>FY 2024 OCO</b>	<b>FY 2024 Total</b>	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>Cost To Complete</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
843: <i>DIU Prototyping</i>	52.108	10.585	26.689	0.000	-	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	Continuing	Continuing
Quantity of RDT&E Articles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

**A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification**

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- Space – Developing on-demand access to space, persistent satellite capabilities, and broadband space data transfer.

<b>B. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)</b>	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
<p><b>Title:</b> Defense Innovation Unit (DIU) Prototyping</p> <p><b>Description:</b> DIU executes its mission through partnerships with Services, combatant commands, and other DoD organizations to prototype commercial solutions and scale across the Joint Force.</p> <p><b>FY 2023 Plans:</b> In FY 2023, DIU Prototyping funds will facilitate additional follow-on prototype contract awards of projects and scale proven solutions across the Joint Force.</p> <p><b>FY 2023 to FY 2024 Increase/Decrease Statement:</b> Funding re-aligned to Defense Innovation Unit Program Element (PE) 0603342D8Z to better align the funding to the mission.</p>	10.585	9.189	-
<b>Accomplishments/Planned Programs Subtotals</b>	10.585	9.189	-

	FY 2022	FY 2023
<p><b>Congressional Add:</b> Orbital Prototyping</p> <p><b>FY 2023 Plans:</b> Plan to issue a Request for Prototyping Proposal (RPP) by the end of February 2023 to obligate \$1.6 million to SpaceX for the RAPID program. Obligation should occur no later than April 2023. Anticipate a number of modifications and potentially other Portal pulls (RPPs), estimated at \$3.7 million, with obligation by end of June 2023.</p>	-	11.000
<p><b>Congressional Add:</b> Visual Augmentation Technology</p> <p><b>FY 2023 Plans:</b> Display with Digital Night Vision (DNV), Heads Up Display (HUD) to provide relevant data in the following form factors: glasses, visor/goggles, contacts. Artificial Intelligence to power augmentation reality (AR) and software to drive system gesture control Commercial network to enhance Military Tactical systems. Sensor integration to increase survivability and lethality.</p>	-	6.500
<b>Congressional Adds Subtotals</b>	-	17.500

**C. Other Program Funding Summary (\$ in Millions)**

N/A

**Remarks**

**D. Acquisition Strategy**

DIU primarily utilized Title 10 U.S. Code § 2371b authority to prototype projects to enhance military effectiveness through the Commercial Solutions Opening (CSO) process.



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FY 2022				FY 2023				FY 2024				FY 2025				FY 2026				FY 2027				FY 2028			
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4

<b><i>DIU Prototyping</i></b>	
Facilitate contract awards for prototyping through Other Transaction Authority (OTA)	[REDACTED]

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Schedule Details

Events by Sub Project	Start		End	
	Quarter	Year	Quarter	Year
<b><i>DIU Prototyping</i></b>				
Facilitate contract awards for prototyping through Other Transaction Authority (OTA)	1	2022	4	2024

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COST (\$ in Millions)	Prior Years	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024 Base	FY 2024 OCO	FY 2024 Total	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	Cost To Complete	Total Cost
844: <i>National Security Innovation Capital</i>	0.000	5.000	15.213	0.000	-	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	Continuing	Continuing
Quantity of RDT&E Articles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

**A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification**

The mission of NSIC is to accelerate the development of dual-use hardware technologies critical to our national security and economic competitiveness. It is an initiative that enables dual-use hardware startups to advance key milestones in their product development by addressing the shortfall of private investment from trusted sources. NSIC's support enables companies to develop their technologies and products more rapidly. The resulting reductions in technical risk, along with the signaling of DoD interest in such dual-use companies, attracts trusted private investment that might otherwise sit on the sidelines. The overall result is more rapid and robust development of hardware in the U.S., the expansion of the defense industrial base and reduction of technology flow to adversaries.

Initial broad areas of focus are autonomy, communications, power, sensors and space.

**B. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)**

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
<p><b>Title:</b> National Security Innovation Capital (NSIC)</p> <p><b>Description:</b> In FY 2021 NSIC received an appropriation of \$15M from Congress. NSIC utilized that appropriation to fund contracts with nine startup companies whose technologies covered the five different Topics of Interest described above. Those technologies involved, among others: hypersonics, quantum phenomena and microelectronics.</p> <p>Contracts ranged from \$500,000 to \$3,000,000 over periods of performance between twelve and eighteen months. The companies are located across the country including TX, SC, MI, MA, CO and CA. This \$15 million congressional add was executed in Project Code P843 of this Program Element.</p> <p><b>FY 2023 Plans:</b> As in FY 2022, NSIC will continue funding dual-use hardware startups developing products in autonomy, communications, power, sensors and space. Depending on the scope of the individual projects, NSIC will support up to ten companies with the \$15,000,000 budgeted.</p> <p><b>FY 2023 to FY 2024 Increase/Decrease Statement:</b> Funding re-aligned to new National Security Innovation Council (NSIC) Program Element 0603021D8Z to better align the funding to the mission.</p>	-	15.213	-
<b>Accomplishments/Planned Programs Subtotals</b>	-	15.213	-

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	FY 2022	FY 2023
<b>Congressional Add:</b> Long Duration Energy Storage, including Lithium Batteries (also known as Jumpstart for Advanced Battery Standardization)	5.000	-
<b>FY 2022 Accomplishments:</b> DIU is rapidly prototyping and will deploy Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) to increase the resiliency of DoD power systems. Current BESS (or generators) support resiliency up to 4 to 8 hours. By using various chemistries and configurations from commercial BESS solutions, DIU will prototype solutions with up to 100 hours of battery storage. This will increase the resiliency and readiness of multiple DoD installations that directly support military operations.		
<b>Congressional Adds Subtotals</b>	5.000	-

**C. Other Program Funding Summary (\$ in Millions)**

N/A

**Remarks**

**D. Acquisition Strategy**

NSIC primarily utilizes Title 10 U.S. Code § 2371b Other Transactions Authority to prototype projects to further develop dual-use, hardware-based technologies that are critical to the military through the Commercial Acceleration Opportunity (CAO) process.

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**Exhibit R-3, RDT&E Project Cost Analysis:** PB 2024 Office of the Secretary Of Defense **Date:** March 2023

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Product Development (\$ in Millions)				FY 2022		FY 2023		FY 2024 Base		FY 2024 OCO		FY 2024 Total	Cost To Complete	Total Cost	Target Value of Contract
Cost Category Item	Contract Method & Type	Performing Activity & Location	Prior Years	Cost	Award Date	Cost	Award Date	Cost	Award Date	Cost	Award Date	Cost			
NSIC	C/TBD	Various : Various	0.000	5.000	Mar 2022	15.213	Mar 2023	-		-		-	Continuing	Continuing	-
<b>Subtotal</b>			0.000	5.000		15.213		-		-		-	Continuing	Continuing	N/A
<b>Project Cost Totals</b>			0.000	5.000		15.213		-		-		-	Continuing	Continuing	N/A

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FY 2022				FY 2023				FY 2024				FY 2025				FY 2026				FY 2027				FY 2028			
1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4

<b><i>National Security Innovation Capital (NSIC)</i></b>	
Identify startups in the identified Topics of Interest and award prototype development contracts to a total of three to four companies	
Identify startups in the identified Topics of Interest and award prototype development contracts to a total of eight to ten companies	

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Schedule Details

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	Quarter	Year	Quarter	Year
<b><i>National Security Innovation Capital (NSIC)</i></b>				
Identify startups in the identified Topics of Interest and award prototype development contracts to a total of three to four companies	1	2022	4	2023
Identify startups in the identified Topics of Interest and award prototype development contracts to a total of eight to ten companies	1	2023	4	2024