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Exhibit R-2, RDT&E Budget Item Justification: PB 2024 Army **Date:** March 2023

Appropriation/Budget Activity 2040: <i>Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Army / BA 6: RDT&E Management Support</i>	R-1 Program Element (Number/Name) PE 0605702A / <i>Meteorological Support to RDT&E Activities</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	0.000	6.389	6.958	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	13.347
128: <i>Meteorological Support To RDT&E Activities</i>	-	6.389	6.958	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.000	13.347

A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification

This funding line supports testing of Army Modernization Priority Programs.

This Program Element (PE) provides meteorological support to research, development, test, and evaluation (RDTE) activities and provides standard and specialized weather forecasts and data to satisfy Army/Department of Defense (DoD) RDTE test requirements for modern weaponry. Types of support include: (1) unique atmospheric analysis and sampling to include atmospheric transmittance, extinction, optical scintillation, infrared temperature, aerosol/smoke cloud dispersion characteristics, and ballistic meteorological measurements; (2) test event forecasting to include prediction of sound propagation for ballistic firing tests, specialized prediction of light levels and target-to-background measurements, and predictions for electro-optical testing and ballistic artillery/mortar firing; and (3) advisory and warning products such as go/no-go test recommendations for ballistic and atmospheric probe missiles, smoke/obscurant tests, hazard predictions for chemical agent munitions disposal, monitoring dispersion of simulant clouds for chemical/biological detector tests, simulated nuclear blasts, and weather warnings for test range safety. This PE provides technical weather support to Army and Joint Program Executive Officers (PEOs), Project Managers (PMs), and the Army test ranges and sites at: White Sands Test Center (WSTC), White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico; Electronic Proving Ground (EPG), Fort Huachuca, Arizona; West Desert Test Center (WDTC), Dugway Proving Ground, Utah; Aberdeen Test Center (ATC), Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland; Redstone Test Center (RTC), Redstone Arsenal, Alabama; Yuma Test Center (YTC), Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona (including the Cold Regions Test Center (CRTC), Fort Greely, Alaska); Operational Test Command (OTC), Fort Hood, Texas and Fort Bragg, North Carolina. This PE develops methodologies and acquires instrumentation and systems that allow meteorological teams to support current and future Army/DoD RDTE requirements. It finances indirect meteorological support operating costs not billable to customers along with replacement/upgrade of meteorological instrumentation and support systems. Direct costs for meteorological support services are not funded by this PE, but are borne by the customer (i.e., materiel/weapons developers and project/product managers) in accordance with DoD Directive 7000.14R (Department of Defense Financial Management Regulations). This PE enables more effective test scheduling and execution, and is essential to the accomplishment of the Army's developmental and operational test mission in that precise weather modeling and measurements directly influence test item performance and quantify test item weather dependencies and vulnerabilities.

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B. Program Change Summary (\$ in Millions)	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024 Base	FY 2024 OCO	FY 2024 Total
Previous President's Budget	6.521	6.958	7.463	-	7.463
Current President's Budget	6.389	6.958	0.000	-	0.000
Total Adjustments	-0.132	0.000	-7.463	-	-7.463
• Congressional General Reductions	-	-			
• Congressional Directed Reductions	-	-			
• Congressional Rescissions	-	-			
• Congressional Adds	-	-			
• Congressional Directed Transfers	-	-			
• Reprogrammings	-0.132	-			
• SBIR/STTR Transfer	-	-			
• Adjustments to Budget Years	-	-	-7.463	-	-7.463

Change Summary Explanation

In FY24: 23 direct authorizations with associated civilian labor costs and funding for the sustainment and enhancement of the Four-Dimensional Weather System (4DWX) will transfer from PE 0605702A / Project 128, Meteorological Support to RDT&E Activities to PE 0605601A / Project F30, Army Test Ranges & Facilities. (\$4,700K)

In FY24 funding for meteorological instrumentation and technology to support RDT&E activities at Army test sites will transfer from PE 0605702A / Project 128, Meteorological Support to RDT&E Activities to PE 0605602A / Project FJ3, Army Technical Test Instrumentation & Targets. (\$2,763K)

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Quantity of RDT&E Articles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Title: Civilian Pay and Support Costs	2.280	2.398	-
Description: Funding related to Civilian Pay and associated indirect costs for meteorological support.			
FY 2023 Plans:			
Will continue to provide indirect costs (personnel salaries) for generating weather forecasts, severe weather warnings and advisories; staff meteorological services; and atmospheric measurements in support of Army/DoD tests and projects at eight Army test sites and alternate test sites as required. Will provide program management for meteorological support to the Army RDTE community and technical review/assistance to ranges and meteorological support teams. Will provide technical meteorological			

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B. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
support to the Army RDTE community including collaboration between Army meteorologists and NCAR toward improvements to the 4DWX System and associated system administration. FY 2023 to FY 2024 Increase/Decrease Statement: In FY24, associated labor costs and 23 direct authorizations will realign from PE 0605702A / Project 128, Meteorological Support to RDT&E Activities to PE 0605601A / Project F30, Army Test Ranges & Facilities.				
Title: Four-Dimensional Weather System and Instrumentation Description: Provides funding for meteorological instrumentation and technology to support RDTE activities at Army test sites. Includes funding for sustainment and enhancement of the 4DWX system, an advanced meteorological support system that provides high-resolution weather forecasts and analyzes. The 4DWX analyzes and forecasts the 3-dimensional structure of the atmosphere over time (4th dimension) and is used in test planning, conduct, and forensic analyses. FY 2023 Plans: Will continue 4DWX system sustainment and modernization to improve forecast accuracy in support of Army RDTE mission requirements, including development of a full-grid climatology using 4DWX final-analysis data, and further development of probabilistic modeling; improved data assimilation procedures, and configuration of 4DWX to optimize test range-specific accuracy. Instrumentation funding will be used to continue a multi-year effort to replace/upgrade obsolete instrumentation, including upper air sounding systems, surface atmospheric meteorological system, and radar wind profilers at several test centers. Also, life cycle replacement of 4DWX hardware servers and software. FY 2023 to FY 2024 Increase/Decrease Statement: In FY24 funding for meteorological instrumentation and technology to support RDTE activities at Army test sites will transfer from PE 0605702A / Project 128, Meteorological Support to RDT&E Activities to PE 0605602A / Project FJ3, Army Technical Test Instrumentation & Targets. In FY24 funding for the sustainment and enhancement of the Four-Dimensional Weather System (4DWX) will transfer from PE 0605702A / Project 128, Meteorological Support to RDT&E Activities to PE 0605601A / Project F30, Army Test Ranges & Facilities.		4.109	4.422	-
Title: SBIR/STTR Transfer Description: Funding transferred in accordance with Title 15 USC §638. FY 2023 Plans:		-	0.138	-

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B. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Funding transferred in accordance with Title 15 USC §638.				
<i>FY 2023 to FY 2024 Increase/Decrease Statement:</i>				
Funding transferred in accordance with Title 15 USC §638.				
Accomplishments/Planned Programs Subtotals		6.389	6.958	-
C. Other Program Funding Summary (\$ in Millions)				
N/A				
Remarks				
D. Acquisition Strategy				
N/A				