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**Exhibit R-2, RDT&E Budget Item Justification:** PB 2025 Navy **Date:** March 2024

<b>Appropriation/Budget Activity</b> 1319: <i>Research, Development, Test &amp; Evaluation, Navy / BA 6: RDT&amp;E Management Support</i>	<b>R-1 Program Element (Number/Name)</b> PE 0605865N / <i>Operational Test &amp; Eval Capability</i>
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COST (\$ in Millions)	Prior Years	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025 Base	FY 2025 OCO	FY 2025 Total	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	Cost To Complete	Total Cost
Total Program Element	0.000	27.764	29.399	30.603	-	30.603	30.880	31.225	31.875	32.480	Continuing	Continuing
0831: <i>OPTEVFOR Support</i>	0.000	25.637	27.244	28.315	-	28.315	28.555	28.870	29.471	30.032	Continuing	Continuing
2958: <i>Cyberspace Activities</i>	0.000	2.127	2.155	2.288	-	2.288	2.325	2.355	2.404	2.448	Continuing	Continuing

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

This program is funded under RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, TEST and EVALUATION MANAGEMENT SUPPORT because it supports efforts directed toward sustaining or modernizing facilities and conducting operations required for general research, development, test and evaluation.

Headquartered in Norfolk, Virginia, since inception in 1945. OPTEVFOR serves as the Service Operational Test Agency for the Navy, as well as Marine Corps Aviation. In addition to the headquarters element, OPTEVFOR includes a Fleet-scheduling detachment in San Diego, a detachment supporting the Joint Strike Fighter, US Operational Test Team at Nellis, Air Force Base (AFB), NV, and a Surface Warfare Division detachment at Dahlgren, VA. There are four Navy and Marine Corps Squadrons that conduct OT&E under the direction of the Director. Air Test and Evaluation Squadron ONE (VX-1), located at Patuxent River, MD, is under the administrative control of Commander, Naval Air Forces, Atlantic. Air Test and Evaluation Squadron NINE (VX-9), located at China Lake, CA, is under the administrative control of Commander, Naval Air Forces, Pacific. Marine Operational Test and Evaluation Squadron ONE (VMX-1), located at Yuma, AZ is administratively aligned under the Deputy Commandant for Aviation. Marine Helicopter Squadron ONE (HMX-1), located at Quantico, VA, responsible for OT of aircraft assigned for Presidential transport.

OPTEVFOR is a competency- and warfare-aligned organization. Rather than a strict Fleet military structure, OPTEVFOR's Warfare Divisions are fully responsible for delivering test documents ready for the Director's signature and executing and reporting adequate operational test and evaluation (OT&E) for Naval systems and capabilities. They are supported by Competency Divisions, whose job is to ensure the product meets technical requirements, and DoN and the Director's standards.

There are seven warfare divisions that are supported by competency divisions. The warfare divisions include Undersea Warfare (40), Air Warfare (50), Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) (60), Surface Warfare (70), Expeditionary Warfare and Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) (80), and Advanced Programs (90). Each warfare division has a Navy Captain as the division Director with a senior civil servant as the Deputy or a senior civil servant as the division Director and a Navy Commander as the Deputy.

There are four competency divisions: Policy, Operations and Training (01A), Test Design and Modeling Simulation (01B), Test Planning and Evaluation(01C), and Cybersecurity Testing (01D). In addition, the Technical Director (00TD) supports all divisions on technical aspects of the test products. Other business divisions include the Staff Commanding Officer and Administration (10), Chief Information Officer (CIO) (20), Contracts (01K), and the Comptroller (30).

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<b>B. Program Change Summary (\$ in Millions)</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025 Base</b>	<b>FY 2025 OCO</b>	<b>FY 2025 Total</b>
Previous President's Budget	27.808	29.399	31.001	-	31.001
Current President's Budget	27.764	29.399	30.603	-	30.603
Total Adjustments	-0.044	0.000	-0.398	-	-0.398
• Congressional General Reductions	-	-			
• Congressional Directed Reductions	-	-			
• Congressional Rescissions	-	-			
• Congressional Adds	-	-			
• Congressional Directed Transfers	-	-			
• Reprogrammings	0.463	0.000			
• SBIR/STTR Transfer	-0.507	0.000			
• Program Adjustments	0.000	0.000	-0.387	-	-0.387
• Rate/Misc Adjustments	0.000	0.000	-0.011	-	-0.011

**Change Summary Explanation**

Funding: \$463K increase in FY2023 provided for Accelerated Teams to support test design. \$478K decrease in FY2025 reflects a 3 FTE CIVPER reduction.

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<b>COST (\$ in Millions)</b>	<b>Prior Years</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025 Base</b>	<b>FY 2025 OCO</b>	<b>FY 2025 Total</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>	<b>Cost To Complete</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
0831: <i>OPTEVFOR Support</i>	0.000	25.637	27.244	28.315	-	28.315	28.555	28.870	29.471	30.032	Continuing	Continuing
Quantity of RDT&E Articles		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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

This program element (PE) provides Operational Test and Evaluation Force (OPTEVFOR) general support funding for headquarters annual operating expenses and ensures OPTEVFOR compliance with Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) and Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) directives during the conduct of independent operational testing and evaluation. This funding supports planning, testing, and reporting on the operational effectiveness, suitability, and cyber survivability of new and improved systems and recommending fleet usage to the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO). Funding also supports initiatives (including the manpower to execute) that improve OPTEVFOR's ability to develop "minimum, adequate" test strategies maximizing efficiencies and minimizing assets required to conduct planned operational testing, thereby driving down overall test and evaluation costs for the Navy. The CNO, as well as acquisition executives and managers at all levels, have a continuing need for expeditious and efficient conduct of Operational Test and Evaluation (OT&E) by OPTEVFOR to provide new warfighting capabilities to the fleet. To this end, this funding supports OPTEVFOR's continued pursuit of a variety of initiatives aimed at increasing efficiencies in T&E; these initiatives include IT Network, database and decision-making technology upgrades, Integrated Testing and Mission Based Test Design across all programs, and improved staffing and expertise in the areas of DON acquisition processes, Modeling and Simulation, Statistical Studies, Information Assurance, and similar disciplines. All of these are aimed at improving the quality of test and evaluation, thus ensuring delivery to fleet units fully tested and capable combat systems. OT&E issues have direct long-term Navy-wide implications on the Fleet's readiness and warfighting capability. Rapid advances in technology, changes in fleet tactics, and increased complexity of weapons systems and platforms have created an increased need for technical and operational analyses that are sophisticated and timely in order to ensure an optimal return on investment of Navy resources.

**B. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions, Article Quantities in Each)**

	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025 Base</b>	<b>FY 2025 OCO</b>	<b>FY 2025 Total</b>
<b>Title:</b> OPTEVFOR SUPPORT	25.637	27.244	28.315	0.000	28.315
<b>Articles:</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Description:</b> Funding in this project funds the civilian salaries and operating costs for the Operational Test and Evaluation Force (OPTEVFOR). In addition, it supports several initiatives aimed at increasing efficiencies in Test and Evaluation (T&E) to facilitate the Navy's ability to deliver warfighting capability to the fleet at the speed of relevance. These initiatives include IT Network, database and decision-making technology upgrades; implementation of Integrated Testing and Mission Based Test Design across all programs; and improved staffing and expertise in the areas of DON acquisition processes, Modeling and Simulation, Statistical Studies, Information Assurance, and related disciplines. All of these initiatives are aimed at improving the quality of testing and evaluation, thus ensuring delivery to fleet units of appropriately tested and capable combat capabilities.					

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<p><b><i>FY 2024 Plans:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This project will fund civilian salaries and operating costs for OPTEVFOR.</li> <li>- Continue efforts to enhance and improve test processes and products in support of increasing the value of OT&amp;E; tailoring of processes and methods to ensure relevance for adaptive acquisition pathways and Agile IT systems will continue to mature.</li> <li>- Continue efforts to enhance and improve test processes and products in support of increasing the value of OT&amp;E; Hiring government civilians with specific warfare skillsets which are difficult to obtain via normal detailing processes, such as Chemical, Biological, Nuclear Defense expertise; tailoring of processes and methods to ensure relevance for adaptive acquisition pathways and Agile IT systems will continue to mature.</li> <li>- Continue efforts to enhance and improve test processes and products in support of increasing the value of OT&amp;E; Hiring government civilians with specific warfare skillsets which are difficult to obtain via normal detailing processes, such as Chemical, Biological, Nuclear Defense expertise; tailoring of processes and methods to ensure relevance for adaptive acquisition pathways and Agile IT systems will continue to mature.</li> <li>- Continue to support Warfare Capability Baseline (WCB) assessments and report on the Navy's capability across all platforms, networks, weapons, or sensors. The WCB is a Fleet-prioritized system-of-systems technical feasibility assessment of kill chains and their supporting effects chains based on real world data, which includes Operational Test data, Fleet data, and Developmental Test data collected in representative operational environments and configurations. These data further include modeling and simulation data accredited by OPTEVFOR for use in operational evaluations. OPTEVFOR coordinates with Warfighting Development Centers and Systems Command tactical and technical experts to transition Operational Test data and insights into kill chain knowledge to enhance warfighting readiness.</li> <li>- Bridge Fleet-to-acquisition communication seams through greater external engagement with Warfighting Development Centers and Combatant Commands (COCOM).</li> <li>- Implement of Capabilities Based T&amp;E (CBTE) across the Enterprise, re-tool Cyber OT&amp;E, and continuously improving our operations, training and knowledge management.</li> <li>- A high-level summary of the focus area initiatives relevant to the levels of effort identifiers from the NAVPLAN Implementation Framework are: adaptive, relevant testing (ART); external engagement; cyber; and command operations.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o ART initiatives include collaboration across external OT&amp;E stakeholders to implement the OTA6 core principles; aligning OPTEVFOR's organizational structure, training, and testing approach to the OTA6 core principles; and to identifying barriers and opportunities in Naval Aviation T&amp;E to bring efficiency and improve the outcomes for the warfighters by delivering capability faster while preserving test adequacy.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					

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<p>o External engagement initiatives include providing information that addresses operational knowledge gaps and is straightforward to understand and implement (R5); ensuring that customers receive information that directly addresses their demonstrated needs within an operationally relevant timeframe (Ca); and participating in Fleet experimentation within OPTEVFOR capabilities to better understand external and internal benefits of working with the Fleet in this area.</p> <p>o Cyber initiatives include integrating System Under Test (SUT) cyber survivability data from Developmental Testing into OT&amp;E planning and execution.</p> <p>o Command Operations initiatives include developing and implementing knowledge management with a focus on effective storage and dissemination of institutional knowledge; developing and implementing human capital with a focus on enabling dynamic prioritization of hiring requirements and resources (S3); managing infrastructure with the focus on establishing the foundation needed to support operations (S2); improving processes with the focus on greater visibility and tracking for contract and finance processes; and executing the command leadership restructure in response to Service directed Flag billet reduction.</p> <p>- Continue efforts to bring more cyber T&amp;E expertise and cyber threat realism directly to the Fleet. Initiative includes improving and expanding the cybersecurity test workforce with one team lead and four red team operators for a total increase of five FTEs in order to support an increase in test execution.</p> <p>- Another facet of OPTEVFOR's cybersecurity efforts includes increased test support involving non-enterprise systems (i.e., Internet Protocol (IP)-based) by identifying threat realistic requirements and working with TRMC and SYSCOM tool development organizations to deliver cyber test tools needed in OT. A significant portion of the Navy's warfighting capabilities depend on non-IP, commercial-based systems; the same systems used in the commercial sector that come under cyber-attack. Expansion of the cybersecurity test tools, and a trained workforce will allow testing of non-IP systems such as: industrial control systems, data buses, radio frequency-based information systems, etc.</p> <p><b><i>FY 2025 Base Plans:</i></b></p> <p>- This project will fund civilian salaries and operating costs for OPTEVFOR.</p> <p>- Continue efforts to enhance and improve test processes and products in support of increasing the value of OT&amp;E; tailoring of processes and methods to ensure relevance for adaptive acquisition pathways and Agile IT systems will continue to mature.</p> <p>- OTA6 core principles</p> <p>- Continue efforts to enhance and improve test processes and products in support of increasing the value of OT&amp;E; Hiring government civilians with specific warfare and technical skillsets which are difficult to obtain via normal detailing processes, such as Chemical, Biological, Nuclear Defense expertise; tailoring of processes</p>					

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<p>and methods to ensure relevance for adaptive acquisition pathways and Agile IT and other software intensive systems and capabilities will continue to mature.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase fleet access to information about known problems within fielded and developing systems by implementing a searchable "issues database" comprised of mission focused OT&amp;E information (risks and deficiencies) that impact the effectiveness, suitability and survivability of Fleet capabilities, and by inputting data to the Fleet Warfighter Capability Gap Tool. Increase access to reporting and analysis by placing signed reports on the AMP Digital Portal.</li> <li>- Ensure fleet awareness of fielded capability performance by briefing test results to user community representatives. Such representatives include WDCs, COCOMs, and Training Schoolhouses. Communicating cyber results will be a key part of this work.</li> <li>- Leverage digital technologies to begin breaching the T&amp;E stovepipes, maximizing the data available to SYSCOMs, Multi-Service OTAs, WDCs, ONI, and other OT&amp;E stakeholder agencies expected to test fielded and/or developing capabilities. Create transparency in test event schedules, purposes, and resources. Combine efforts when possible.</li> <li>- Align test designs with the current threats, environments, and tactics, as well as those of the future. For systems to deliver relevant combat capability to the warfighter, T&amp;E cannot be limited to the "threat of record" from when the program was established. The pace of adversarial capability growth creates a knowledge imperative for the warfighter that must be supported in OT&amp;E. Accordingly, OPTEVFOR must coordinate with ONI, increasing the visibility of their work by pairing it with test; while partnering with WDCs, to maintain and facilitate alignment between tactics development and capability development throughout the warfighting capability lifecycle.</li> <li>- Analyze, evaluate, track and prioritize gaps in T&amp;E capability requirements (targets, ranges, instrumentation, cyber labs, etc.), increasing visibility for shortfalls of the T&amp;E enterprise. Prioritization enables resource trades, risk reduction, and increased capability wholeness.</li> <li>- Modernize and streamline T&amp;E planning and execution between OPTEVFOR and the SYSCOMs by collaborative development of a T&amp;E Management Tool.</li> <li>- Standardize the process for determining the scope of OT&amp;E required for systems developed and procured via the AAF pathways and any other capability procurement potentially needing OT. Implement Level-of-Test Determination (LTD) to inform the type of OTA participation, rapidly facilitating further planning.</li> <li>- Keep pace with expanding use of CBTE, requiring greater communication with the engineering, development and DT communities through T&amp;E WIPTs. Train stakeholders on MBTD and create the MBTD sooner. Support DOE implementation in DT (where it most makes sense). Collaborate on PMT views and other data-driven</li> </ul>					

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**B. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions, Article Quantities in Each)**

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<p>capability visualization techniques as needed for decision-maker forums such as Gate Reviews, Test Readiness Reviews, and Test Reporting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adapt policies and practices to meet the rapid pace of the Software Acquisition Pathway, including DEVSECOPS. Train the workforce on these policies and enable more responsive OTA participation in test events and corresponding analysis and reporting of results. Support investigation of automated testing (overall, and program-specific), and applicability of these results to OT.</li> <li>- Modernize policies and practices in anticipation of much greater M&amp;S development and use throughout capability production, test, and implementation. Train the workforce on these policies. Enable greater participation in M&amp;S WIPTs to support the often long-lead-time of these efforts.</li> <li>- Manage centralized funding for program support, assigning "Accelerator Team (AT)" contractors to work test design, test strategy coordination, and test planning on programs that will not have funding available to support the speed of their need.</li> <li>- Examine emerging and future technologies that comprise future system development and T&amp;E applications, to include digital engineering and range connectivity, Model-Based Systems Engineering, Live-Virtual-Constructive environments, Software Factories, and Cyber Ranges. Employ modern OT&amp;E capabilities to inform multi-domain warfare operations.</li> <li>- Continue efforts to deliver data on cyber kill chains impacting the mission effectiveness of the Navy's warfighting systems. OPTEVFOR is focusing on bringing more cyber T&amp;E expertise and cyber threat realism directly to the Fleet. Initiative includes improving the cybersecurity test workforce, and completing the NIPR/SIPR/ infrastructure accreditation to support remote operations. These efforts will enable enhanced operational realism during planned cyber test phases by portraying realistic outsider cyber threats to systems across the various security enclaves in the Navy's enterprise networks.</li> </ul> <p><b>FY 2025 OCO Plans:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>FY 2024 to FY 2025 Increase/Decrease Statement:</b> Funding increase from FY24 to FY25 reflects an increased requirement for cybersecurity test and evaluation of non-IP based systems across aviation, submarine, surface, expeditionary, C4ISR and facility security platforms and programs; and funds Acceleration Teams to support test design.</p>					
<b>Accomplishments/Planned Programs Subtotals</b>	25.637	27.244	28.315	0.000	28.315

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

N/A

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

**Remarks**

**D. Acquisition Strategy**

OPTEVFOR leverages a Firm Fixed Price, multi-award contract for services.

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<b>COST (\$ in Millions)</b>	<b>Prior Years</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025 Base</b>	<b>FY 2025 OCO</b>	<b>FY 2025 Total</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>	<b>Cost To Complete</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
2958: <i>Cyberspace Activities</i>	0.000	2.127	2.155	2.288	-	2.288	2.325	2.355	2.404	2.448	Continuing	Continuing
Quantity of RDT&E Articles		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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

This project funds the civilian salaries and supports associated maintenance and sustainment of cyber hygiene and resiliency of network infrastructure, as well as enterprise IT services for OPTEVFOR operational support networks. Additionally, these funds ensure the hardware and software required to maintain is in compliance with cybersecurity directives that support command operations as required. The Cyber Pure funding under this project directly supports the Assessment & Authorization (A&A) of OPTEVFOR IT systems and the monthly patching and scanning, and reauthorization required for continuous monitoring.

**B. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions, Article Quantities in Each)**

	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025 Base</b>	<b>FY 2025 OCO</b>	<b>FY 2025 Total</b>
<b>Title:</b> Cyberspace Activities	2.127	2.155	2.288	0.000	2.288
<b>Articles:</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<p><b>Description:</b> Funding will support maintenance of cyber hygiene and resiliency of network infrastructure and enterprise IT services for OPTEVFOR operational support networks, as well as the hardware and software required to maintain compliance with cybersecurity directives. Funding ensures ability of OPTEVFOR network engineers to comply with cybersecurity requirements for the networks used in support of command operations as required. Facilitates the monthly network patching and scanning required to protect networks from cyber-attacks and intrusions.</p> <p><b>FY 2024 Plans:</b> Maintain compliance with cybersecurity requirements associated with Operational Test and Evaluation Force's information technology and associated networks. Conduct required vulnerability scans and install necessary network patches to ensure cybersecurity of critical network infrastructure.</p> <p><b>FY 2025 Base Plans:</b> Maintain compliance with cybersecurity requirements associated with Operational Test and Evaluation Force's information technology and associated networks. Conduct required vulnerability scans and install necessary network patches to ensure cybersecurity of critical network infrastructure.</p> <p><b>FY 2025 OCO Plans:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>FY 2024 to FY 2025 Increase/Decrease Statement:</b></p>					

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<b>B. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions, Article Quantities in Each)</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2025 Base</b>	<b>FY 2025 OCO</b>	<b>FY 2025 Total</b>
Increase due to inflationary adjustments.					
<b>Accomplishments/Planned Programs Subtotals</b>	2.127	2.155	2.288	0.000	2.288

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

N/A

**Remarks**

**D. Acquisition Strategy**

N/A