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Exhibit R-2, RDT&E Budget Item Justification: PB 2025 Office of the Secretary Of Defense **Date:** March 2024

Appropriation/Budget Activity 0400: <i>Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Defense-Wide / BA 6:</i> <i>RDT&E Management Support</i>	R-1 Program Element (Number/Name) PE 0606300D8Z / <i>Defense Science Board</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	2.409	2.352	6.536	-	6.536	6.861	7.203	7.563	7.941	Continuing	Continuing
807: <i>Defense Science Board</i>	0.000	2.409	2.352	6.536	-	6.536	6.861	7.203	7.563	7.941	Continuing	Continuing
Quantity of RDT&E Articles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

Note
 New Start (Y/N): No

A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification

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

The Secretary of Defense established the Defense Science Board (DSB) as a discretionary advisory committee, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C., Appendix) and 41 C.F.R. § 102- 3.50(d). The DSB provides independent advice and recommendations on matters supporting the Department of Defense's (DoD) scientific and technical enterprise to the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Under Secretary of Defense for Research & Engineering, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and other Department officials. The DSB focuses on matters concerning science, technology, manufacturing, acquisition process, and other topics of special interest to the DoD in response to specific tasks, and is not established to advise on individual DoD procurements. The DSB is concerned with the pressing and complex technological problems facing the DoD in such areas as research, engineering, organizational structure and process, business and functional concepts, and manufacturing, and ensures identification of new technologies and new applications of technology in those areas to strengthen national security.

The funds provided allow for the procurement of professional, analytical, and administrative services, to include the tasks of planning, preparation, execution, administrative support, logistics, documentation, and travel for DSB, Subcommittee and Task Force meetings and conferences. The vendors contracted provide essential services in support of the DSB and the DSB staff in the following areas: technical, business, and administrative planning; organizing, managing, coordinating, and tracking (e.g., cost, schedule, and deliverables); and performance management, data management, and subcontract management along with refining initial and final reports of the various study groups.

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B. Program Change Summary (\$ in Millions)	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025 Base	FY 2025 OCO	FY 2025 Total
Previous President's Budget	2.409	2.352	2.389	0.000	2.389
Current President's Budget	2.409	2.352	6.536	0.000	6.536
Total Adjustments	0.000	0.000	4.147	-	4.147
• Congressional General Reductions	-	-			
• Congressional Directed Reductions	-	-			
• Congressional Rescissions	-	-			
• Congressional Adds	-	-			
• Congressional Directed Transfers	-	-			
• Reprogrammings	-	-			
• SBIR/STTR Transfer	-	-			
• Program Adjustments	-	-	4.134	-	4.134
• Program Adjustments (Economic Assumption)	-	-	0.013	-	0.013

Change Summary Explanation

An increase of \$4.200 million is due to a realignment from program element 0602251D8Z and 0603375D8Z and will allow the Defense Science Board to support DoD directed Quick Task Forces (QTF), task forces and other studies directed by Congress.

In addition, a reduction of \$0.066 million was applied to DoD overall funding reductions, which were spread to mitigate impact. A funding increase of \$0.013 million is for Economic Assumptions.

C. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Title: Defense Science Board	2.409	2.352	6.536
Description: The Defense Science Board (DSB) was authorized by the Secretary of Defense to resume operations on July 2, 2021 after the conduct of the 2021 Zero-Based Review (ZBR) of DoD advisory committees. In that authorization, the Secretary of Defense established the DSB parent Board at 40 members, and directed that all DSB work be conducted in response to written Terms of Reference (ToR) from the Under Secretary of Defense (Research and Engineering) (USD(R&E)). Since resumption, the DSB has continued work on seventeen (17) ToR, four (4) of which were directed prior to the ZBR. The thirteen (13) new ToR signed by the USD(R&E) since the ZBR direct the DSB to conduct two (2) Summer Studies, establish two (2) Permanent Subcommittees, support one Tabletop Exercise, and create nine (9) additional Task Forces. Five (5) of the Task Forces concerned matters directed by Congress in National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) legislative acts. The DSB has conducted Quarterly meetings, Task Force meetings, Summer Study meetings, and briefed senior leaders at nearly all Combatant Commands, Services, and multiple federal agencies on advice and recommendations regarding the DoD's scientific and technical enterprise, as directed by the USD(R&E).			

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C. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
<p>The DSB utilized support contracts to provide professional, analytical, and administrative services to facilitate the Board's operations.</p> <p>FY 2024 Plans: The DSB will conduct a Summer Study, operate two Permanent Task Forces, and operate at least six Task Forces to provide independent advice and recommendations to DoD leadership in accordance with USD(R&E) and Congressional direction. The DSB will utilize contracted services to provide for the procurement of professional, analytical, and administrative services, to include the tasks of planning, preparation, execution, administrative support, logistics, documentation, and travel for DSB, Subcommittee and Task Force meetings and conferences.</p> <p>FY 2025 Plans: The DSB will conduct a Summer Study, operate two Permanent plans to continue operations of the parent Board, a minimum of two (2) Permanent Subcommittees, and multiple Task Forces as directed by the USD(R&E). The DSB will utilize contracted services to procure professional, analytical, and administrative services, to include the tasks of planning, preparation, execution, administrative support, logistics, documentation, and travel for DSB, Subcommittee and Task Force meetings and conferences.</p> <p>FY 2024 to FY 2025 Increase/Decrease Statement: The increase of \$4.200 million is due to a realignment from program element 0602251D8Z and 0603375D8Z and will allow the Defense Science Board to support DoD directed Quick Task Forces (QTF), task forces and other studies directed by Congress.</p>			
Accomplishments/Planned Programs Subtotals	2.409	2.352	6.536

D. Other Program Funding Summary (\$ in Millions)

N/A

Remarks

E. Acquisition Strategy

N/A