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R-1 Program Element (Number/Name)

1319: Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Navy I BA 2: Applied

PE 0602114N I Power Proj Applied Research

Date: February 2015

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COST (\$ in Millions)	Prior Years	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016 Base	FY 2016 OCO	FY 2016 Total	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	Cost To Complete	Total Cost
Total Program Element	0.000	104.413	95.753	68.723	-	68.723	30.624	12.526	12.596	12.663	Continuing	Continuing
0000: Power Proj Applied Research	0.000	104.413	95.753	68.723	-	68.723	30.624	12.526	12.596	12.663	Continuing	Continuing

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

The efforts described in this Program Element (PE) are based on investment directions as defined in the Naval S&T Strategic Plan approved by the S&T Corporate Board (Sep 2011). This strategy is based on needs and capabilities from Navy and Marine Corps guidance and input from the Naval Research Enterprise (NRE) stakeholders (including the Naval enterprises, the combatant commands, the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), and Headquarters Marine Corps). It provides the vision and key objectives for the essential science and technology efforts that will enable the continued supremacy of U.S. Naval forces in the 21st century. The Strategy focuses and aligns Naval S&T with Naval missions and future capability needs that address the complex challenges presented by both rising peer competitors and irregular/asymmetric warfare.

This PE supports both advanced technology research and near to mid-term transition opportunities. The advanced research focus is primarily on high energy lasers, Electromagnetic Railgun (EMRG) development, Hyper Velocity Projectiles (HVP), high speed weapon propulsion, and electro-optic/infrared (EO/IR) sensor technologies.

Due to the number of efforts in this PE, the programs described herein are representative of the work included in this PE.

B. Program Change Summary (\$ in Millions)	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016 Base	FY 2016 OCO	FY 2016 Total
Previous President's Budget	104.513	95.753	112.521	-	112.521
Current President's Budget	104.413	95.753	68.723	-	68.723
Total Adjustments	-0.100	-	-43.798	-	-43.798
Congressional General Reductions	-	-			
<ul> <li>Congressional Directed Reductions</li> </ul>	-	-			
<ul> <li>Congressional Rescissions</li> </ul>	-	-			
Congressional Adds	-	-			
<ul> <li>Congressional Directed Transfers</li> </ul>	-	-			
Reprogrammings	-0.100	-			
SBIR/STTR Transfer	-	-			
Program Adjustments	-	-	-49.709	-	-49.709
Rate/Misc Adjustments	-	-	5.911	-	5.911

### **Change Summary Explanation**

Technical: Not applicable.

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Schedule: Not applicable.		

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COST (\$ in Millions)	Prior Years	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016 Base	FY 2016 OCO	FY 2016 Total	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	Cost To Complete	Total Cost
0000: Power Proj Applied Research	-	104.413	95.753	68.723	-	68.723	30.624	12.526	12.596	12.663	Continuing	Continuing

### A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification

This project addresses the technology issues involving the Navy's capability to project naval power on the broad seas and in the littoral regions.

B. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016 Base	FY 2016 OCO	FY 2016 Total
Title: DIRECTED ENERGY	40.311	40.470			26.885
<b>Description:</b> The goal of this activity is to develop Directed Energy (DE) technology for Navy applications. The DE program addresses the requirements of future Navy combatants to provide ship defense against the emerging threats that are proliferating throughout the Navies of the world. The Directed Energy portion of this activity consists of two elements. The first element involves applied research and development of technologies supporting advanced accelerators with applications to directed energy weapons. This activity also includes the Free Electron Laser (FEL) Innovative Naval Prototype (INP) which will deliver multi-mission capability.					
FY 2014 to FY 2015 increases in funding are due to increased work on the Solid State Laser (SSL) program. The SSL-QRC program was initiated during FY 2013 and is planned to complete during FY 2015 with plans to demonstrate the system at sea in CY 2014.					
FY 2015 to FY 2016 decrease in funding is due to completion of the Solid State Laser - QRC program as well as a continued realignment of FEL activities.					
FY 2014 Accomplishments: Directed Energy and Accelerator Research: -Continued to develop the most promising component technologies such as normal conducting and super conducting RF electron beam injectors, advanced high power cathode technologies, high power compact amplifiers, and advanced mirrors, coatings and optical components capable of handling the significantly higher energies. Consider analysis of smaller FEL system designs.					
Solid State Laser - Technology Maturation (SSL-TM): -Continued the development of technologies suitable for a solid state laser weapon system, including technologies for maritime beam director, targeting and laser subsystems, which are capable of supporting future					

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B. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)		FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016 Base	FY 2016 OCO	FY 2016 Total		
Navy missions to defeat small boat swarms, UAV swarms, and provided This work supports future prototype developments and will include lassiber solid state systems) and required beam director scientific studies the development and advancement of future Navy Solid State Laser plethality studies and atmospheric characterization. These scientific studies missions identified for a layered defensive capability, in the maritime modeling and simulation of atmospheric absorption and turbulence.  -Conduct lethality testing for notional solid state laser designs. This werosion, pitting, and ablation of various target materials for improved development of the governing technical requirements for a beam dire performing Navy surface ship self-defense missions.  -Continued and conducted studies of atmospheric absorption and turbulence in low altitude, maritime surface conditions. These scientific studies a boundary layer and sea-water-air turbulent mechanics on future laser -Continued and conducted trade studies on innovative solid state lase available technologies or those technologies identified by the High Er JTO). These investments will be considered "break through" type of it scientific study to determine their potential for near term capability imposphere.  -Continued and conducted scientific studies on laser subcomponents gain media, which have the potential to support future acquisition protechnologies. Efforts in this area will focus on emerging commercial to research, which are suitable for use in a maritime domain. Research advancements suitable for use by either solid state slab or solid state if matured, would enable rapid scientific advancements and improve sperformance parameters.  -Continued and conducted scientific trade studies of notional predictive control interfaces between sensors and future prototypical naval lainherent "safe-arm" function for the projecting of laser power at long of sight distances.) Of particular concern is the designs for safety in for	ser subsystem (potentially both slab and so. The focus of the effort will be to support prototypes, including the development of sudies are critical to understand and support environment, which shall include robust standard simulation that will support environment and targeting system capable of evaluate notional and environment and interfaces. For subsystems and interfaces, are subsystems designs, based off industry enveronments, which require additional provements in a future naval prototype of including laser pump diodes and laser grams, but are based on solid state laser enveronments and government sponsored and technology developments will include fiber optic laser subsystems - and which especific systems performance against key are avoidance systems, which examine aser weapons, which would provide an ange (potentially beyond typical visible, line							

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B. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)		FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016 Base	FY 2016 OCO	FY 2016 Total	
propagation, while performing Navy surface ship self- defense missions, and non-threat forces (e.g. friendly sensors or platforms.)	d avoid inadvertent illumination of						
FY 2015 Plans: Directed Energy and Accelerator Research: -Continue all efforts of FY 2014 unless noted as completed above.							
Solid State Laser - Technology Maturation (SSL-TM): -Continue all efforts of FY 2014 unless noted as completed aboveConduct component and subcomponent laboratory tests.							
FY 2016 Base Plans: Directed Energy and Accelerator Research: -Continue all efforts of FY 2015 unless noted as completed above.							
Solid State Laser - Technology Maturation (SSL-TM): -Continue all efforts of FY 2015 unless noted as completed above.							
FY 2016 OCO Plans: N/A							
Title: HIGH SPEED PROPULSION AND ADVANCED WEAPON TECHNOL	OGIES	16.411	3.919	3.776	-	3.776	
<b>Description:</b> The high speed weapons work in this activity is focused on de technologies for Mach3+ to Mach8 capable weapons. This work includes te acceleration capable projectile structures, high temperature and high streng to survive high speed launch environment, improved thermal prediction meth wide dynamic pressure adaptable projectile controls and non-explosively lau speed projectile technologies are intended to support long range Naval Surface.	chnologies associated with high th materials to enable projectiles hodologies and test techniques, unched lethal mechanisms. The high						
FY 2014 to FY 2015 decrease is due to transition of the Hypervelocity Projection 0602750N and 0603673N.	ctile to an FNC program PE's						
FY 2014 Accomplishments: -Initiated technology maturation of advanced airframes and controls, high G-miniaturization of electronics.	-force components and						

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-Continued effort to develop advanced guidance and control technology -Continued high temperature capable thermal management, insulator -Continued high speed propulsion and integrated airframe technology responsiveness and reliabilityContinued investigations into advanced material solutions to high spenaritime environmentsContinued high temperature capable thermal management, insulator	and ablative technology investigations. development to enhance system range, eed airframes and air systems operating in						
FY 2015 Plans: -Continue all efforts of FY 2014 unless noted as completed aboveTransition HVP program to an FNCInitiate high speed hypersonic weapons technology program to proviously very long range hypersonic boost-glide missiles and hypersonic ship-Initiate development of advanced computational and experimental tetransitionInitiate High Temperature thermal management researchInitiate Ultra-high temperature materials research for hypersonic leads	launched projectiles. chniques for hypersonic boundary layer						
FY 2016 Base Plans: -Continue all efforts of FY 2015 unless noted as completed above.							
FY 2016 OCO Plans: N/A							
Title: NAVIGATION, ELECTRO OPTIC/INFRARED (EO/IR), AND SE	NSOR TECHNOLOGIES	4.428	3.882	4.505	-	4.505	
<b>Description:</b> This activity describes Navy Science and Technology (SIR devices and advanced sensors and includes investment/performant Electronic Warfare, and Communications.							
FY 2014 Accomplishments: Electro Optic/Infrared: -Continued development of structured dielectric elastomers for electro opticsContinued development of magneto-optic materials and ultra-high se sensors.							

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-Continue all efforts of FY 2015 unless noted as completed above.							
Electro Optic/Infrared - Complete development of structured dielectric elastomers for electromechanical optics Complete development of magneto-optic materials and ultra-high sensitivity, rosensors.							
<b>FY 2016 OCO Plans:</b> N/A							
Title: STRIKE AND LITTORAL COMBAT TECHNOLOGIES		0.768	0.763	0.737	-	0.73	
Description: The focus of this activity is on those technologies that will support Operations and provide the Navy of the future the ability to quickly locate, target ashore.  FY 2014 Accomplishments:  -Continued the development and demonstration of new Electronic Protection (El discriminate advanced jamming false targets from true targets and also suppres targets can be readily detected.  -Continued development of multi-static electronic protection techniques against	, and strike critical targets P) techniques that can s false targets so that true						
Enhanced Weapon Technologies:  -Continued three new products to expand current Counter Air / Counter Air Defe improved range and end-game maneuverability while decreasing Time-of-Flight design and development phase are: Counter Air Advanced Medium-Range Air-t Improvements / Counter Air Defense / Improvement / High Speed Components.  -Continued development and apply emerging technologies that support delivery approved FNC enabling capabilities structured to close operational capability gaemerging power projection technologies into deliverable FNC products and ECs acquisition programs within a five year period; and mature power projection tech requirements identified within the Sea Strike and FORCEnet naval capability pill	. Specific tasks to begin o-Air Missile (AMRAAM) of Technology Oversight Group ps in power projection; package that can be integrated into mologies that support naval						
Strike Accelerator:							

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-Continued Strike Accelerator program. This effort will provide an advance identify targets using Advanced Target Recognition (ATR). These capable AESA (Active Electronically Scanned Array) Radar and ATFLIR (Advancements).	ilities are utilizing the F/A-18 E/F,						
Multi-Target Laser Designator: -Continued research for advanced optical techniques to defeat SWARM	attacks.						
Selectable Output Weapon: -Continued Selectable Output Weapon Sea Strike Project							
High Energy Fiber Laser System: -Continued development an advanced laser beam control, pointing mecl an airborne laser weapon system. This system will provide the detection							
FY 2015 Plans: Increased Capability Against Moving and Stationary Targets: -Continue all efforts of FY 2014 unless noted as completed aboveComplete development of multistatic electronic protection techniques ag	gainst advanced jamming systems.						
FY 2016 Base Plans: -Continue all efforts of FY 2015 unless noted as completed above.							
FY 2016 OCO Plans: N/A							
Title: WMD DETECTION		1.954	-	-	-	-	
<b>Description:</b> The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) in the Navy Strategic be able to combat Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) at sea and Mark the development of key technologies for standoff detection of WMD's an at sea. The program will develop and demonstrate technology for active weapons of mass destruction.	ritime domain. This activity addresses d component nuclear materials on ships						
FY 2014 Accomplishments: -Continued technology study of 3 Helium free silicon based replacement	radiological detectors						

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-Continued development of hand held and portable detector technology for monomorphisms.  -Complete examination of CONOPS and strategies for supporting Naval Marmissions.  -Complete the technical development and testing of solid state high energy monomorphisms.  -Complete the development of a compact human portable Neutron Generato technology.  -Complete field experiments for Passive Interrogation of SNM stimulants using a Helium free silicon based replacement for supporting Naval Maritime Interdiction (MIO) and VBSS missions.  Detection from unmanned underwater vehicles (UUVs)  -Complete the development of technology for and conduct radiological WMD platforms.  -Complete examination of system human dose limits and health effects of vatechniques.  -Complete acquisition of WMD Special Nuclear Materials (SNM) simulator free-complete high fidelity field testing.	itime Interdiction (MIO) and VBSS neutron detector without Helium 3. or for enhanced mobile detection ng UUV's. ent radiological detectors strategies  Detection from Naval aviation rious Remote Stand Off Detection						
-Program Complete.							
FY 2015 Plans: NA							
FY 2016 Base Plans: NA							
FY 2016 OCO Plans: N/A							
Title: ELECTROMAGNETIC GUNS		40.541	46.719	32.820	-	32.82	
<b>Description:</b> This activity is the Electro Magnetic (EM) railgun program that it technology to launch a long range projectile from Navy ships. EM railgun is be applications including USMC Naval Surface Fire Support, anti-surface warfar from missiles and small boat threats.	peing considered for multi-mission						

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FY 2014 to FY 2015 increase is due to planned pulsed power development and repetitive rate testing.	fabrication required to support						
FY2015 to FY2016 decrease is due to the completion of pulsed power developr support repetitive rate testing.	nent and fabrication required to						
FY 2014 Accomplishments: -Initiate additional next generation pulsed power fabrication as part of a multi-mincrease full scale rep rate capability from 20MJ to 32MJ muzzle energy capabity-Continued launcher developmentContinued material, physics and thermal property research for single shot launcher projectiles for 32MJ muzzle energy launch; and initiated assessments from next operational environmentsContinued IPT and Bore Life Consortium collaborations for 32 MJ launchersContinued material applications and component design assessments for next of the continued development of modeling and simulation capability to support bore I rep rate bore life development assessmentsInitiated effort to understand the technology required to launch hypervelocity probarrel at 10 rounds per minute.	chers, pulsed power and generation, rep rate, and generation repetitive fires.						
FY 2015 Plans: -Continue all efforts of FY 2014 unless noted as completed above.							
FY 2016 Base Plans: -Continue all efforts of FY 2015 unless noted as completed above.							
<b>FY 2016 OCO Plans:</b> N/A							
Accomplishmen	ts/Planned Programs Subtotals	104.413	95.753	68.723	-	68.723	

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

N/A

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

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#### D. Acquisition Strategy

N/A

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#### E. Performance Metrics

This PE develops early components technologies that can be integrated into weapon systems that meet warfighter requirements. Most of the work in this PE can be classified between Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 2 (technology concept and/or application formulation) and TRL 4 (component and/or breadboard validation in laboratory environments). The metrics used to evaluate 6.2 programs are necessarily less precise than those used in 6.3 programs.

The metrics for this PE can be divided into two categories: technological and organizational/functional. Technological metrics address the success of the work performed. The primary technological metrics used in this PE involve laboratory experiments/tests demonstrating proof of the concept for the technology. This demonstration is frequently a hand-assembled functioning breadboard of the concept. The organizational/functional metrics applied to this PE include: transition of the technology to advanced development in a 6.3 PE and applicability of the technology to documented warfighter problems or requirements. Successful implementation of these categories would result in the application of a pass/fail metric and further evaluation for possible transition to a 6.3 development/demonstration program.

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