

Coalition for National Security Research

FY 2002 Funding Statement

Actual Appropriated in FY 2001	\$9.1 Billion
CNSR Recommendation for FY 2002	\$10.0 Billion

The Coalition for National Security Research (CNSR) strongly urges the Administration and Congress to strengthen the nation's investment in the Department of Defense's (DoD) Science and Technology (S&T) programs. These programs are vital to our nation's security and technological superiority. CNSR encourages the Administration and Congress to provide \$10 billion for DoD S&T programs for Fiscal Year 2002.

A tradition of strong funding for DoD S&T programs produced the scientific and engineering research underlying today's preeminent U.S. military forces, demonstrated during Desert Storm and in various peacekeeping missions. With rapid growth in America's economy easing the budget pressures of the recent past, an ideal opportunity now exists to guarantee the continuation of America's world leadership in military technology. As increasingly varied and unpredictable threats to America develop in the coming years, this technological superiority will become a national security imperative. Funding a dynamic, merit-based military research enterprise today at the level CNSR favors would ensure that DoD S&T programs are able to produce the tools needed tomorrow to fulfill both our known and unforeseen defense responsibilities.

DoD's S&T programs provide critical investment in scientific disciplines vital to ensuring future security, including engineering, mathematics, and physical, computer, and behavioral sciences. The S&T programs make essential contributions to the national defense by fueling innovation and training the scientists and engineers of tomorrow. DoD S&T programs support research in our nation's universities, DoD laboratories, and private sector laboratories, which link fundamental science discoveries and future military applications.

CNSR applauds the support that Congress and the Administration provided DoD S&T programs for FY 2001. To sustain this momentum, CNSR recommends an increase to \$10 billion in FY 2002, and the continued, stable investment in DoD's S&T programs necessary to protect and equip new generations of American soldiers in the technology-heavy battlespace of the 21st century.