

FY2012 BUDGET DOCUMENTATION: WHERE TO FIND AGENCY BUDGETS

- **Department of Defense (DOD)**

The national security space program is funded primarily through budgets for DOD and the [intelligence community](#). The latter's budget is entirely classified so is not discussed further here. For DOD, "space" is not a line item in the Department's budget or that of any of the military services. Instead, one must wade through the lengthy DOD budget documents for each of its major accounts to find programs associated with space activities. It is not an easy task. Most DOD space programs are in the Air Force budget, primarily in procurement or research and development (R&D) accounts. However, there are some programs in Army, Navy, and Defense-wide budgets, and in the operations and maintenance (O&M) account. DOD issues two sets of budget documents, the second more detailed than the first and thus taking longer to be issued. For example, "R-1" documents provide high level information on the R&D budget, while "R-2" documents provide finer detail on R&D. "P-1" and "P-2" do the same for procurement, etc. When available, the documents can be viewed on DOD's budget [website](#).

- **Department of Energy (DOE)**

DOE is responsible for all U.S. nuclear materials and thus is involved in ensuring that NASA has plutonium-238 to power spacecraft that travel too far from the Sun or remain on planetary or lunar surfaces for long periods and thus cannot rely on solar energy. Its High Energy Physics Program in the Office of Science is involved in spacecraft missions such as Fermi and the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer. The detailed DOE budget is not posted yet, but Secretary Chu's presentation is [available](#) and the Office of Science presentation is also [posted](#).

- **Department of Transportation (DOT) Office of Commercial Space Transportation**

This office regulates and facilitates commercial space transportation and is part of DOT's Federal Aviation Administration. The detailed FAA budget request is available [at this website](#).

- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**

NASA is the primary U.S. civilian space agency (and also performs aeronautics research). Its budget is available on NASA's budget [website](#).

- **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**

NOAA's National Environmental Satellite Service (NESS, formerly NESDIS) oversees NOAA's satellite programs. The NOAA FY2012 budget request reflects a reorganization to establish a climate service that incorporates some of what used to be in NESDIS. The overall NOAA budget [website](#) explains the reorganization and has links to fact sheets on [NESS](#) and some of its programs, including the [Joint Polar Satellite System](#) (the replacement for NPOESS).

- **U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)**

USGS operates the Landsat earth remote sensing satellites. The budget is under the Geography portion of the USGS budget (which itself is part of the Department of the Interior). The USGS budget request is available at this [website](#).