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FY2013 BUDGET REQUEST FOR SPACE ACTIVITIES: WHERE TO FIND AGENCY BUDGET DOCUMENTATION

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 DOD 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. Links to all DOD budget documents are at [this](#) DOD website; those for the Air Force, specifically, are at this [website](#).

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) Office of Commercial Space Transportation

This office facilitates and regulates commercial space transportation and is part of the FAA, which is part of the Department of Transportation (DOT). DOT's FY2013 request is posted at this [website](#). The request for the Office of Commercial Space Transportation is in the FAA [portion](#).

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)

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

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA)

NOAA, part of the Department of Commerce, is responsible for the nation's civil weather satellites. The National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) is the part of NOAA that handles satellites. The request for the Department of Commerce is [posted](#), as well as the NOAA-specific "[blue book](#)."

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS)

USGS is part of the Department of the Interior (DOI) and responsible for operating the Landsat land remote sensing satellites. The Obama Administration wants to transfer the entire Landsat program from NASA to USGS. FY2013 budget information for USGS is available [here](#).