

DEFENSE SENSE: OPTIONS FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE SAVINGS FISCAL YEAR 2013

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PERSONNEL

	PROPOSAL	FY13 SAVINGS	CITATIONS
1. DoD Personnel Costs	Rescind shift of DoD personnel costs from base budget to Overseas Contingency Operations.	None. Restores ~ \$4.5 billion to base budget from Overseas Contingency Operations.	
2. Military personnel in Europe	Remove additional 10,000 military personnel from Europe by end of FY 2013.	\$100 million in FY 2013. \$188 million per year once complete.	Cato, SDTF, Domenici-Rivlin, CAP, Coburn
3. Active-component military personnel	Reduce end-strength by an additional 10,000 personnel.	\$400 million in FY 2013. \$860 million recurring annual savings once complete.	SDTF, Cato
4. DoD civilian personnel	Reduce planned number of personnel by 8,000 positions.	~ \$380 million in FY 2013. Recurring savings ~ \$770 million once complete.	CAP, Cato, CNAS, Coburn
5. DoD Contract Personnel	Cap FY 2013 spending on DoD "base budget" contract personnel at \$129 billion.	\$1.4 billion in FY 2013. Annual savings ~ \$2.9 billion once complete.	CAP, CNAS, Bowles-Simpson, Coburn

STRATEGIC SYSTEMS

	PROPOSAL	FY13 SAVINGS	CITATIONS
6. Trident D5 Missile Life Extension Program	Freeze the program.	\$1.5 billion	SDTF, CAP
7. SSBN(X) – Ohio Submarine Replacement	Delay program; rollback R&D.	\$450 million	POGO-TCS
8. Long Range Strike Bomber	Delay program; rollback R&D.	\$200 million	SDTF, POGO-TCS, ACA

NUCLEAR WEAPONS & SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

	PROPOSAL	FY13 SAVINGS	CITATIONS
9. B61 nuclear bomb Life Extension Program	Cancel or curtail.	\$369 million	FAS, POGO-TCS, SDTF, USB
10. Uranium Processing Facility (UPC)	Halt construction.	\$340 million	POGO-TCS, SDTF, GAO
11. Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility	Cancel.	\$389 million	POGO-TCS, UCS, SDTF

MISSILE DEFENSE

	PROPOSAL	FY13 SAVINGS	CITATIONS
12. Missile Defense	Focus procurement and end-stage development on systems with proven, reliable, cost-effective capability. Cancel or postpone: – Patriot/MEADS – Space Based Infrared System (SBIRS) – Aegis Ashore EPAA Phase II, military construction Roll back and re-focus on R&D: – BMDs AN/TPY-2 Radars – Directed Energy Research – SM-3 Block IIB – Land-Based SM-3 – Aegis SM-3 Block IIA – Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) – Ground-Based Midcourse Defense	\$2.5 billion	SDTF USB POGO-TCS CAP Cato CBO Coburn Domenici-Rivlin PIRG-NTU

CONVENTIONAL WEAPON SYSTEMS

	PROPOSAL	FY13 SAVINGS	CITATIONS
13. F-35 Joint Strike Fighter *	Cancel USMC variant; buy equivalent numbers F/A-18 E/F.	\$1.8 billion	SDTF, USB, POGO-TCS, Cato, Bowles-Simpson, CAP, CNAS, Coburn, CBO, PIRG-NTU, Domenici-Rivlin
14. Littoral Combat Ship	End procurement at 10; Seek alternative.	\$2 billion	SDTF, POGO-TCS, Cato, CAP, CNAS
15. V-22 Osprey	Cancel and buy helicopter alternative.	\$1.2 billion	POGO-TCS, SDTF, USB, Cato, CAP, CNAS, Coburn, PIRG-NTU, Bowles-Simpson
16. SSN-774 Virginia-class Submarine	Slow procurement. Buy only one submarine in FY 2013; fund advance procurement for two more, not three.	\$2 billion	SDTF, USB, Cato, CAP, CBO
17. DDG-51 Aegis Destroyer	Fund only 1 destroyer in FY 2013, not 2.	\$1.5 billion	SDTF, Cato, CAP
18. P-8A Poseidon – ASW & maritime patrol aircraft	Reduce FY-13 buy to seven aircraft rather than planned 13.	\$1.5 billion	

* **Additional F-35 reduction options** might be considered. For the Navy variant:

- (1) terminate and buy equivalent numbers of F/A-18E/Fs in 2013, saving \$1.4 billion for the year, or
- (2) Reduce the buy, splitting procurement between F-35s and new F/A-18E/Fs, saving \$450 million in FY 2013.

Options worth considering for the Air Force F-35 variant would be:

- (1) Terminate the program; fulfill the remainder with equivalent numbers of F-16 Block 60 fighters, saving \$2.8 billion in 2013, or
- (2) Reduce the F-35 buy, splitting procurement between F-35s and new F-16 Block 60 fighters, saving \$1.2 billion in FY 2013.

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