

## Program Direction

### Overview

The Office of Science (SC) Program Direction (PD) budget supports a highly skilled federal workforce to develop and oversee SC investments and Administration priorities in basic research on climate change and clean energy, advanced computing, cybersecurity, fundamental science to transform manufacturing, quantum information sciences, artificial intelligence and machine learning, biopreparedness, critical materials, and construction and operation of scientific user facilities, which are critical to the American scientific enterprise. SC research and facility investments transform our understanding of nature and advance the energy, economic, and national security of the United States. In addition, SC accelerates discovery and innovation by providing broad public access to all DOE research and development findings.

SC continues to increase investments in sophisticated and experienced scientific and technical program and project managers, as well as experts in acquisition, finance, legal, construction management, and environmental, safety, and health oversight. The SC basic research portfolio includes extramural grants and contracts supporting nearly 29,000 researchers located at over 300 institutions and the 17 DOE national laboratories, spanning all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The portfolio of 28 scientific user facilities serves nearly 34,000 users per year. SC oversees ten of DOE's 17 national laboratories. SC also continues to update its business processes for awards management and research related activities to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in its extramural research programs.

### Headquarters

The SC Headquarters (HQ) includes the eight SC research program offices (Advanced Scientific Computing Research, Basic Energy Sciences, Biological and Environmental Research, Fusion Energy Sciences, High Energy Physics, Nuclear Physics, Isotope R&D and Production, and Accelerator R&D and Production), Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists, Project Assessment, and SBIR/STTR Programs Offices, as well as several resource management functions, and HQ-based field management functions.

The SC HQ federal staff:

- Conducts scientific program and research infrastructure planning, execution, and management across SC, in part by extensive engagement with the scientific community to identify research opportunities and develop priorities.
- Establishes and maintains competitive research portfolios, which include high-risk, high-reward research, to achieve mission goals and objectives.
- Conducts rigorous external peer review of research proposals and ongoing programs. Each year, SC manages over 5,000 ongoing laboratory, university, non-profit, and private industry research awards and conducts over 31,000 peer reviews of new and renewal proposals.
- Organizes, participates in, or lead committees composed of agency and/or interagency personnel.
- Provides safety, security, and infrastructure oversight and management of all SC user facilities and other current research investments.
- Provides oversight and management of all line item construction projects and other capital asset projects.
- Provides oversight and management of the maintenance and operational integrity of the ten SC-stewarded national laboratories.
- Provides policy, strategy, and resource management in the areas of laboratory oversight, information management, grants and contracts, budget, and human capital.

### Consolidated Service Center

The Consolidated Service Center (CSC) provides business management to support SC's federal responsibilities. These functions include legal and technical support; financial management; grant and contract processing; safety, security, and health management; intellectual property and patent management; environmental compliance; facility infrastructure operations and maintenance; and information management. As part of this, the CSC:

- Provides necessary IT equipment and systems to ensure connectivity between Headquarters and field sites to successfully support the mission of the Office of Science.

- Monitors the multi-appropriation, multi-program funding allocations for all ten SC national laboratories through administration of laboratory Management and Operating (M&O) contracts and is responsible for over 3,000 financial assistance awards (grants and cooperative agreements) per year to university, non-profit, and small business-based researchers.
- Provides support to SC and other DOE programs for solicitations and funding opportunity announcements, as well as the negotiation, award, administration, and closeout of contracts and financial assistance awards using certified contracting officers and professional acquisition staff.

#### Site Offices

SC site offices provide contract management and critical support for the scientific mission execution at the ten SC national laboratories. This includes day to-day business management; approvals to operate hazardous facilities; safety and security oversight; leases; property transfers; sub-contracts; and activity approvals required by laws, regulations, and DOE policy. As part of this, the site offices:

- Maintain a comprehensive contract management program to ensure contractual mechanisms are managed effectively and consistently with guidelines and regulations.
- Evaluate laboratory activities including nuclear, radiological, and other complex hazards.
- Provide federal project directors to oversee construction projects and other major capital asset projects.

#### Office of Scientific and Technical Information

Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI) fulfills the Department's responsibilities for providing public access to the unclassified results of its research investments and limited access to classified research results. DOE researchers produce over 50,000 research publications, datasets, software, and patents annually. OSTI's physical and electronic collections exceed one million research outputs from the 1940s to the present, providing access to the results of DOE's research investments. OSTI implements DOE's public access mandates, including the government-wide requirement that peer-reviewed publications resulting from federal funding is made available to the public within 12 months of publication in a journal.

#### **Highlights of the FY 2023 Request**

The FY 2023 Request is \$211.211 million and will support a total level of approximately 820 FTEs. The Request supports a pay raise of 4.6 percent. SC will utilize available human capital workforce reshaping tools to manage federal staff in a manner consistent with its long-term workforce restructuring plan as part of the DOE Agency Reform Plan<sup>uuu</sup>. SC will continue to review, analyze, and prioritize mission requirements and identify those organizations and functions aligning with Administration and Department program objectives and SC strategic goals while maximizing efficiency through functional consolidation.

The FY 2023 Request supports:

- Three-hundred and fourteen (314) SC HQ federal staff, spread among the eight research program offices, Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists, Project Assessment, and SBIR/STTR Programs Offices, as well as several resource management functions, and HQ-based field management functions.
- Two (2) FTEs to support the Office of the Under Secretary for Science and Energy.
- Twenty-five (25) FTEs in the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer operating the Shared Service Center (SSC) and supporting HR Advisory Offices.
- Thirty-seven (37) FTEs in the DOE Office of the Chief Counsel.
- Two (2) FTEs in the DOE Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs to support Regional Offices.
- Two (2) FTEs supporting the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST).<sup>vvv</sup>
- Three hundred and ninety-five (395) CSC and site office federal staff.
- Forty-three (43) OSTI federal staff to manage SC's public access program.

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<sup>uuu</sup> OMB Memo M-17-22

<sup>vvv</sup> PCAST is required by Executive Order 13539, as amended by Executive Order 13596.

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Funding**

(dollars in thousands)

	FY 2021 Enacted	FY 2022 Annualized CR	FY 2023 Request	FY 2023 Request vs FY 2021 Enacted
<b>Program Direction</b>				
Salaries and Benefits	142,245	142,245	156,086	+13,841
Travel	1,500	1,500	2,100	+600
Support Services	27,341	27,341	29,800	+2,459
Other Related Expenses	12,687	12,687	14,900	+2,213
Working Capital Fund	8,227	8,227	8,325	+98
<b>Total, Program Direction</b>	<b>192,000</b>	<b>192,000</b>	<b>211,211</b>	<b>+19,211</b>
Federal FTE	778	778	820	+42

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**Activities and Explanation of Changes**

(dollars in thousands)		<b>FY 2023 Request</b>	<b>Explanation of Changes FY 2023 Request vs FY 2021 Enacted</b>
<b>Program Direction</b>	<b>\$192,000</b>	<b>\$211,211</b>	<b>+\$19,211</b>
Salaries and Benefits	\$142,245	\$156,086	+\$13,841
Funding supports 778 to perform scientific oversight, program and project management, essential operations support associated with science program portfolio management, and support for the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer operating the SSC and supporting HR Advisory Offices.		The Request will support 820 FTEs to perform scientific oversight, program and project management, essential operations support associated with science program portfolio management, and support for the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer operating the SSC and supporting HR Advisory Offices.	The increase will support a 4.6 percent pay raise and the projected salary and benefit requirements for the requested FTE levels.
Funding supports costs associated with Federal employee benefits, including health insurance costs and retirement allocations in FERS.		The Request will support costs associated with Federal employee benefits, including health insurance costs and retirement allocations in FERS.	
<b>Travel</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$2,100</b>	<b>+\$600</b>
Funding supports facility visits where the use of electronic telecommunications is not practical for mandated on-site inspections and facility operations reviews. Ensuring scientific management, compliance, safety oversight, and external review of research funding across all SC programs requires staff to travel, since SC senior program managers are not co-located with grantees or at national laboratories.		The Request will support facility visits where the use of electronic telecommunications is not practical for mandated on-site inspections and facility operations reviews. Ensuring scientific management, compliance, safety oversight, and external review of research funding across all SC programs requires staff to travel, since SC senior program managers are not co-located with grantees or at national laboratories.	The increase in travel reflects the return to work with travel to conferences and site visits while still continuing videoconferencing instead of travel, where possible.

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<p>Funding also supports travel for the SC Federal Advisory Committees, which will include over 170 representatives from universities, national laboratories, and industry, representing a diverse balance of disciplines, professional experience, and geography. Each of the six advisory committees provides valuable, independent advice to the Department regarding the complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the planning, management, and implementation of SC programs.</p>	<p>The Request will also support travel for the SC Federal Advisory Committees, which will include over 170 representatives from universities, national laboratories, and industry, representing a diverse balance of disciplines, professional experience, and geography. Each of the six advisory committees provides valuable, independent advice to the Department regarding the complex scientific and technical issues that arise in the planning, management, and implementation of SC programs.</p>	
<p>Funding supports the PCAST advisory committee travel.</p>	<p>The Request will continue to support the PCAST advisory committee travel.</p>	
<p>Support Services</p>	<p>\$27,341</p>	<p>\$29,800</p>
<p>Funding supports select administrative and professional services including: support for the Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer program; grants and contract processing and close-out activities; accessibility to DOE's corporate multi-billion dollar R&amp;D program through information systems managed and administered by OSTI; travel processing; correspondence control; select reports or analyses directed toward improving the effectiveness, efficiency, and economy of services and processes; and safeguards and security oversight functions.</p>	<p>The Request will support select administrative and professional services including: support for the Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer program; grants and contract processing and close-out activities; accessibility to DOE's corporate multi-billion dollar R&amp;D program through information systems managed and administered by OSTI; travel processing; correspondence control; select reports or analyses directed toward improving the effectiveness, efficiency, and economy of services and processes; and safeguards and security oversight functions.</p>	<p>The increase will support the projected support service contract requirements for FY 2023.</p>
<p>Funding supports essential information technology infrastructure; necessary upgrades to SC's financial management system; ongoing operations and maintenance of IT systems; and safety management support.</p>	<p>The Request will support essential information technology infrastructure; necessary upgrades to SC's financial management system; ongoing operations and maintenance of IT systems; and safety management support.</p>	

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<p>Funding supports federal staff training and education to maintain appropriate certification and update skills.</p>	<p>The Request will fund federal staff training and education to maintain appropriate certification and update skills.</p>	
<p>Other Related Expenses</p>	<p>\$12,687</p>	<p>\$14,900</p>
<p>Funding supports fixed requirements associated with rent, utilities, and telecommunications; building and grounds maintenance; computer/video maintenance and support; IT equipment leases, purchases, and maintenance; and site-wide health care units. It also includes miscellaneous purchases for supplies, materials, and subscriptions.</p>	<p>The Request will support fixed requirements associated with rent, utilities, and telecommunications; building and grounds maintenance; computer/video maintenance and support; IT equipment leases, purchases, and maintenance; and site-wide health care units. It will also include miscellaneous purchases for supplies, materials, and subscriptions.</p>	<p>The increase will support the projected fixed requirements for FY 2023.</p>
<p>Working Capital Fund</p>	<p>\$8,227</p>	<p>\$8,325</p>
<p>Funding supports the SC contribution to the WCF for business lines: building occupancy, supplies, printing and graphics, health services, corporate training services, and corporate business systems. SC research programs also contribute to WCF.</p>	<p>The Request will support the SC contribution to the WCF for business lines: building occupancy, supplies, printing and graphics, health services, corporate training services, and corporate business systems. SC research programs also contribute to WCF.</p>	<p>The increase will support the projected Working Capital Fund requirements for FY 2023.</p>
		<p>+ \$98</p>

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(dollars in thousands)

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<b>Program Direction</b>				
HQ Salaries and Benefits	70,993	70,993	75,578	+4,585
HQ Travel	1,068	1,068	1,250	+182
HQ Support Services	20,529	20,529	22,500	+1,971
HQ Other Related Expenses	5,015	5,015	6,535	+1,520
HQ Working Capital Fund	8,227	8,227	8,325	+98
<b>Total, Headquarters</b>	<b>105,832</b>	<b>105,832</b>	<b>114,188</b>	<b>+8,356</b>
Field Offices Salaries and Benefits	64,611	64,611	72,802	+8,191
Field Offices Travel	417	417	750	+333
Field Offices Support Services	4,037	4,037	4,192	+155
Field Offices Other Related Expenses	6,626	6,626	6,898	+272
<b>Total, Field Offices</b>	<b>75,691</b>	<b>75,691</b>	<b>84,642</b>	<b>+8,951</b>
OSTI Salaries and Benefits	6,641	6,641	7,706	+1,065
OSTI Travel	15	15	100	+85
OSTI Support Services	2,775	2,775	3,108	+333
OSTI Other Related Expenses	1,046	1,046	1,467	+421
<b>Total, Office of Scientific and Technical Information</b>	<b>10,477</b>	<b>10,477</b>	<b>12,381</b>	<b>+1,904</b>
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**FY 2023 Congressional Budget Justification**

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(dollars in thousands)

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<b>Technical Support</b>				
System review and reliability analyses	1,373	1,373	1,485	+112
<b>Management Support</b>				
Automated data processing	10,850	10,850	12,161	+1,311
Training and education	577	577	737	+160
Reports and analyses, management, and general administrative services	14,541	14,541	15,417	+876
<b>Total, Management Support</b>	<b>25,968</b>	<b>25,968</b>	<b>28,315</b>	<b>+2,347</b>
<b>Total, Support Services</b>	<b>27,341</b>	<b>27,341</b>	<b>29,800</b>	<b>+2,459</b>
<b>Other Related Expenses</b>				
Rent to GSA	775	775	880	+105
Rent to others	2,162	2,162	2,306	+144
Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous	2,622	2,622	3,674	+1,052
Other services	551	551	963	+412
Operation and maintenance of facilities	1,340	1,340	1,443	+103
Supplies and materials	491	491	676	+185
Equipment	4,746	4,746	4,958	+212
<b>Total, Other Related Expenses</b>	<b>12,687</b>	<b>12,687</b>	<b>14,900</b>	<b>+2,213</b>
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Other

**Total, Program Direction**

## Public Access<sup>www</sup>

The Department of Energy fulfills Legislative and Executive requirements to provide increased public access to scholarly publications and digital data resulting from DOE research funding. DOE's enabling authorization and subsequent legislation require DOE to provide publicly available collections of unclassified R&D results through the Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI). The DOE Public Access Plan, required by a 2013 Office of Science and Technology Policy memorandum, added peer-reviewed, final accepted manuscripts to the types of unclassified scientific and technical information already made publicly accessible as required by longstanding statutes. For digital data resulting from sponsored research (as defined by OMB Circular A-110), the Plan requires the submission of data management plans with funding proposals to DOE and provides guidelines for preserving and ensuring access to digital research data as appropriate.

Implementation of the Plan has been carried out through DOE internal agency policy directive, with requirements specified in national labs' management & operating contracts and annual performance plans, and in the terms and conditions of DOE financial assistance awards (grants and cooperative agreements). Under the DOE policy, DOE-funded researchers are required to submit metadata and final accepted manuscripts to DOE or to their institutional repositories, and DOE makes these research papers freely accessible to the public within 12 months of publication through the portal DOE PAGES (Public Access Gateway for Energy and Science), developed and hosted by OSTI. Since implementation of the DOE policy, DOE is among the top agencies in implementing public access, with DOE PAGES providing free access to over 130,000 scholarly publications resulting from DOE research funding. More recently, the concept of "public access" has broadened to "open science," where DOE has taken a leadership role in the federal government in assigning persistent identifiers to related research objects, such as the datasets and software underlying findings described in publications. Persistent identifiers (PIDs) are an essential element in promoting research integrity, reproducibility, and discoverability, and DOE provides an "identifier service" to its national labs and, through interagency agreements, to several federal agencies.

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<sup>www</sup> Responds to the reporting requirement specified by the FY 2022 House Energy and Water Development Appropriations Committee Report 117-98 to provide an update on the DOE Public Access Plan; <https://www.energy.gov/downloads/doe-public-access-plan>; <https://www.osti.gov/public-access-policy>; <https://www.energy.gov/datamanagement/doe-policy-digital-research-data-management>.