A Quick Look at the FY16 R&D Budget

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billions of constant 2015 dollars

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Current Estimates of R&D in the FY16 Budget
percent change from FY15, constant dollars

Based on AAAS analyses of OMB, OSTP and agency budget data. The above adjusts for inflation, expected at 1.6 percent. AAAS | Feb. 6, 2015
Budget Notes...

- Advanced Manufacturing a big winner (again)
- Low-carbon energy a big winner (again)
- Climate-related research a big winner (again)
Budget Notes...

- Total NSF: +5.2%
  - Highest relative changes: SBE, Engineering; also EHR
  - Food/Water/Energy Nexus, climate resilience

- DOD S&T, DARPA flat; big cut to basic research

- DOE Science: +5.4%
  - Advanced Computing
  - Small boost for EFRCs; Hubs funding continues

- Decent number, familiar contours for NASA
  - Earth Science + Space Technology
Looking ahead…

- Size and composition of the discretionary budget? Can R&D stay ahead of the curve?

- Deficits have fallen, but big-picture fiscal challenges remain largely unchanged
  - Debt limit, entitlement growth
  - Reconciliation strategy?

The Washington Post

Obama budget proposal would boost spending beyond ‘sequestration’ caps

President Obama will present a federal budget proposal on Monday that would exceed restrictive spending caps mandated by Congress four years
Trends in Federal Spending Since FY 2010
Percent of FY 2010 budget authority, constant dollars

Based on OMB, agency and Congressional budget documents, and GDP deflators from the President's FY 2015 budget.
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