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“Naval Aviation is focused on improving force readiness through innovative approaches. The Future Readiness Cross-Functional Team (FR CFT) helps us achieve this goal by soliciting methods to reduce operating and sustainment costs. By challenging the status quo, the FR CFT empowers the NAE to achieve high velocity learning at every level. The return on investment is improved readiness at best possible cost.” - Rear Adm. DeWolfe Miller, Director, Air Warfare (OPNAV N98)

Launch of POM-19 Future Readiness Initiatives Process

The [Naval Aviation Enterprise](#) (NAE) [Future Readiness Cross-Functional Team](#) (FR CFT) recently announced the launch of its annual future readiness initiatives process, calling for reliability and sustainment-focused ideas for possible submission in the Program Objective Memorandum (POM) 2019 budget cycle.

NAE stakeholders now have the opportunity to submit ideas for initiatives that have potential to positively impact readiness and reduce total ownership costs (TOC). By submitting an initiative idea, you have the potential to bring additional funding to Naval Aviation and directly help improve your readiness. Here are details to help you submit a high-quality initiative with the greatest chance of approval:

How to submit an initiative:

If you have an idea for a future readiness initiative, you can submit that idea using the online [Rack and Stack Tracking Application](#) (RASTA) located on OPNAV’s Resource Allocation Model (RAM) site. Users must have a Common Access Card (CAC) and access to a government computer and network. If you already have access to the [RAM site](#), you can request access to RASTA by sending a request via the feedback form located on the RAM homepage. If you do not already have access to the RAM site, you can register for RASTA by submitting a request form as prompted when you are a new visitor to the [RAM site](#).

The RASTA template now requires users to submit information in the program element (PE)/line item (LI) and project code fields. For each appropriation of money requested, the associated PE and either LI or project code (depending on the appropriation) is needed to be able to identify exactly where the funds will be allocated.

Criteria for future readiness initiatives:

Future readiness initiatives should demonstrate the potential to positively impact readiness and reduce TOC – either for one specific platform or across platforms. Initiatives should show positive return on investment (ROI) based on savings estimates that are as accurate as possible. While traditional future readiness initiatives require an ROI within the Future Years Defense Program (FYDP), the FR CFT now also accepts long-term initiatives that have the potential to positively impact readiness and reduce TOC outside the FYDP. When initiatives are reviewed for submission, the initiatives will fall into one of two categories – within the FYDP and long-term – and are considered separately. For a more detailed listing of criteria, see the [call for initiatives](#)* distributed by OPNAV N98.

Initiative Success Story:

The Engine Reliability Fix (ERF) VI is an initiative championed by the FR CFT that is improving the lifespan of engines for several platforms through the use of different repair techniques. Results of this initiative are improved reliability, availability and performance of these engines, a decrease in the number of new engines needed, and decreased life cycle costs due to the reduction of intermediate and depot level repairs. Additional information on ERF VI and all past initiatives can be found in [the initiative archives in RASTA](#).

Latest NAE Award Winners

Questions? Ask: nae@navy.mil

May 2016: Amy Cannello, Commander, Fleet Readiness Centers

Facts/Figures/Resources

- The FR CFT call for initiatives is an annual, aviation-specific process that complements other existing innovation efforts.
- Since 2009, the FR CFT has successfully championed the funding of more than 31 future readiness initiatives. These initiatives are aimed at impacting future readiness, reducing total ownership cost, and assisting in the transition of Science and Technology projects that improve readiness and/or decrease ownership cost to programs of record.
- From POM-12 through POM-18, approximately \$413 million has been invested in initiatives with an estimated savings of \$4.6 billion and an ROI of 11 to one.

Main Points

- NAE stakeholders can submit ideas for future readiness initiatives via the [Rack and Stack Tracking Application](#) (RASTA). First-time RASTA users may need to register by submitting a request form as prompted when you are a new visitor to the [Resource Allocation Model \(RAM\) site](#)
- Initiative ideas are being gathered now through July 13. For additional information, visit the [FR CFT SharePoint site](#)*, where you can find additional resources such as a [RASTA 4.0 User Guide](#)*.

*Access to the NAE SharePoint site is required. Please contact nae@navy.mil for assistance with access.