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“Naval Aviation is committed to being ready to meet future demands. To do so, we need to identify and invest in the right initiatives now that will help us achieve future readiness at the most affordable cost.”

- Rear Adm. Michael Manazir, Director, Air Warfare (OPNAV N98)

The Call for Future Readiness Initiatives—Helping Naval Aviation improve readiness & reduce total ownership costs

The [Naval Aviation Enterprise \(NAE\) Future Readiness Cross-Functional Team \(FR CFT\)](#) recently launched its sixth annual call for future readiness initiatives, and team members are currently in the process of gathering and evaluating initiatives for possible submission in the Program Objective Memorandum (POM) 17 budget process.

Much of the success of the process depends on *you*--Naval Aviation stakeholders with the expertise to submit high-quality initiatives. Here are answers to the top five most frequently asked questions about the future readiness initiatives process and this year's call for initiatives:

1. How do I 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). Users must have a Common Access Card (CAC), access to a government computer and network, and an active account for RASTA. If you already have access to the [Resource Allocation Model \(RAM\) 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](#).

2. What are the kinds of initiatives the FR CFT is looking for?

The FR CFT wants to hear your ideas for either platform-specific or systemic, cross-platform initiatives that have the potential to positively impact readiness and reduce total ownership costs. The FR CFT Board will be looking for initiatives that show positive return on investment (ROI) based on savings estimates that are as accurate as possible. If you have RASTA access, you can view the Archived Initiatives section to see submissions from previous years and use them as examples.

3. How will I find out what happens to my initiative after I submit it?

The new, updated version of RASTA enables greater transparency and feedback. Initiative authors may receive requests for additional information throughout the process if a reviewer has questions. All questions and answers about the initiatives will be posted in RASTA and visible to the authors. After the FR CFT Board meets in August and September, authors will receive a message in RASTA with the status of their initiatives. Initiatives that are selected but not funded are considered at a later date in the POM budget process for possible external funding, and the initiative authors will receive messages through RASTA as status updates become available.

4. How has the FR CFT impacted Science & Technology (S&T) projects to focus on readiness and total ownership cost (TOC) initiatives?

The FR CFT works with the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) Chief Technology Officer to incorporate TOC S&T projects into the new TOC Science and Technology Objective (STO) and assists with promoting those S&T projects that improve readiness. When projects reach maturity (Technology Readiness Level 6), the FR CFT assists those projects that impact readiness or TOC and do not have solid transition plans to obtain funding through other sources.

5. What new features have been added to RASTA?

A new role, Read-Only User, has been added to increase collaboration by allowing users to view all current and archived initiatives in RASTA. An Archived Initiatives section, which contains all past initiatives—funded and unfunded—has also been added. Additionally, administrators are now able to provide initiative authors with feedback directly in RASTA on the status of their initiative.

Latest NAE Award Winners

Questions? Ask: nae@navy.mil

March 2014: Capt. Carl Chebi, PMA-201, Naval Air Systems Command

April 2014: Lt. Cmdr. Katie Hart; Commander, Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet

Main Points

- The NAE recognizes the need to balance investments between maintaining existing systems and developing future systems. The FR CFT provides a forum to address readiness, sustainment and cost challenges that need POM funding.
- Naval Aviation/NAE leadership will evaluate the top Future Readiness initiatives based on stakeholder inputs and will champion those that will deliver the greatest value back to Naval Aviation.

Facts/Figures/Resources

- From POM-12 through POM-16, approximately \$319 million have been invested in initiatives with an estimated return on investment of \$3.4 billion and an ROI of 9.6-to-1.
- The FR CFT tracks each initiative they champion, along with its projected return on investment and actual savings realized over time. That data is available on the [FR CFT SharePoint site](#). *(Access to the NAE SharePoint site is required. Please contact nae@navy.mil for assistance with access).*