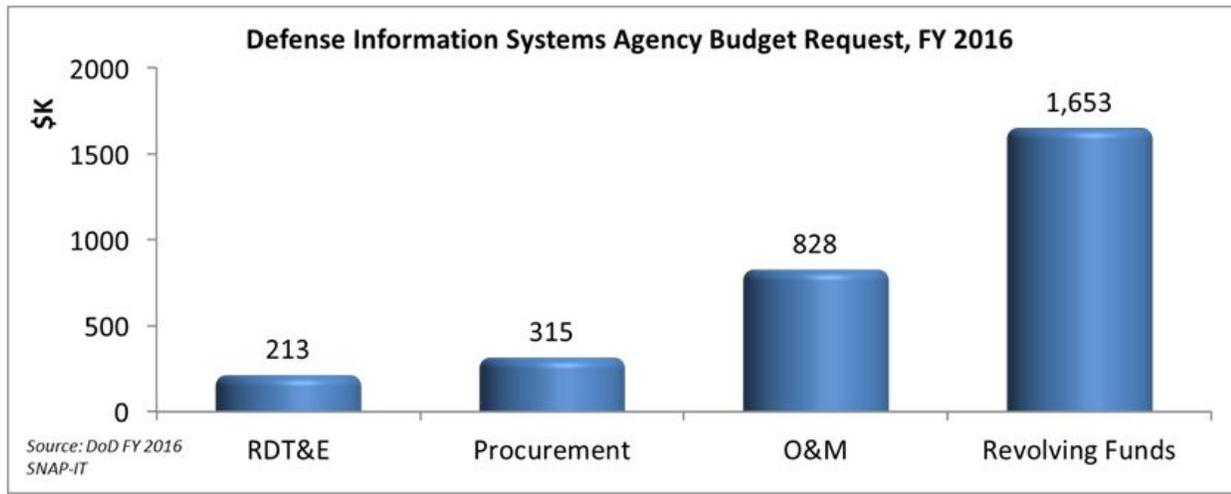# DISA FY 2016 IT Budget Snapshot

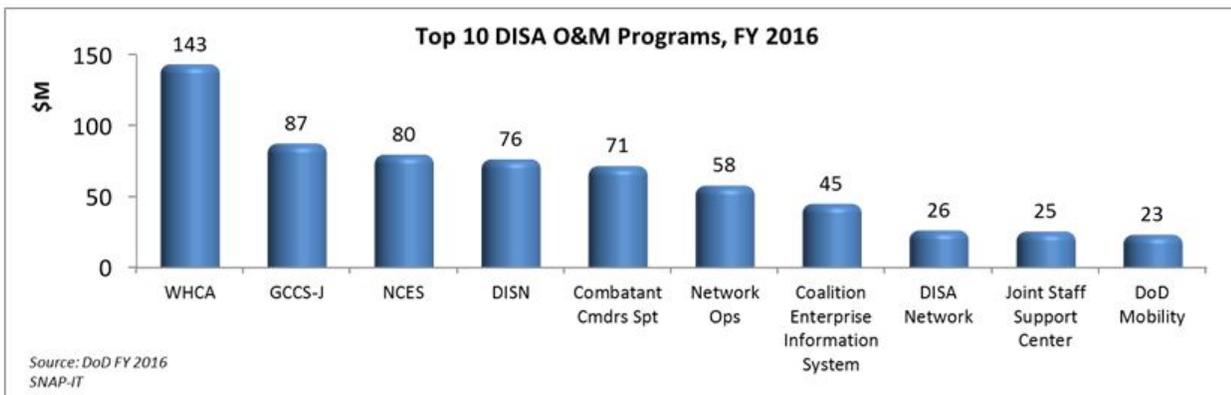Posted At : March 24, 2015 8:36 AM | Posted By : Alex Rossino
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Last week's post took a look at Defense Working Capital Fund dollars that the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) anticipates Defense customers will spend with it in Fiscal Year 2016. This week's post examines the formal portions of the information technology budget that DISA anticipates it will have in FY 2016, including funding it has requested for operations and maintenance, procurement, and research, development, modernization, and enhancement. The programs on which DISA forecasts spending the most under each category in FY 2016 will also be examined.

For its total IT budget in FY 2016, DISA has requested $3 billion. This funding breaks out as follows:
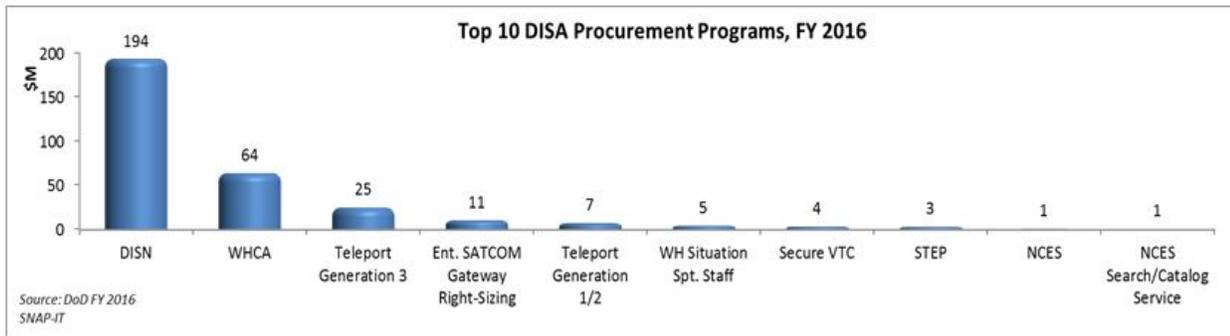


Not surprisingly, the highest number of forecast dollars can be found in DISA's Revolving and Management Funds account. This account is where Defense Working Capital Fund spending is located, which is why it was the focus of last week's post. This week's focus is on spending in the other three categories, beginning with operations and maintenance.
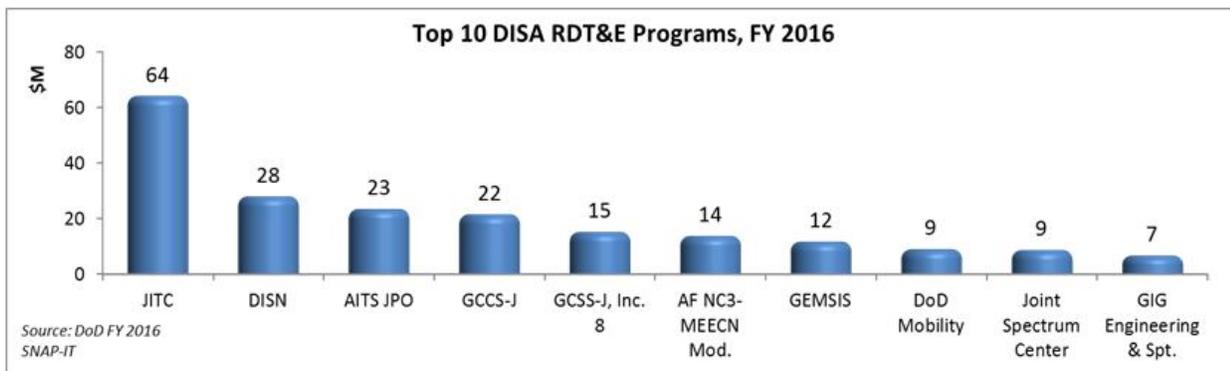


Breaking down O&M, we can see that not all of the programs receiving O&M funding are "programs," per se. The White House Communications Agency (WHCA), for example, is part of the DISA organization. The Defense Information Systems Network (DISN) is where much work related to Joint Information Environment is taking place, primarily, but not exclusively, under the GIG Services Management –Operations (GSM-O) and GIG Services Management – Engineering, Transition, and Implementation (GSM-ETI) contracts. Spending on DoD mobility programs comes in at the far right of the spectrum, with $23 million in spending anticipated.

Moving to procurement, we see that new dollars for tech refreshment and other acquisitions are going into the DISN, SATCOM, and other transport-network related programs. DISN investments focus primarily on the procurement of network switching (MPLS) and optical network equipment related to engineering the JIE.

DISA anticipates spending $0 on DoD mobility procurement in FY 2016.

**Top 10 DISA Procurement Programs, FY 2016**

| Program | $M |
|---|---|
| DISN | 194 |
| WHCA | 64 |
| Teleport Generation 3 | 25 |
| Ent. SATCOM Gateway Right-Sizing | 11 |
| Teleport Generation 1/2 | 7 |
| WH Situation Spt. Staff | 5 |
| Secure VTC | 4 |
| STEP | 3 |
| NCES | 1 |
| NCES Search/Catalog Service | 1 |

Source: DoD FY 2016 SNAP-IT

This brings us to RDT&E funding, of which DISA has requested very little. There are no surprises here. The Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC) receives most of the funding in this category. Some funding here goes to the DoD Mobility program for "tech insertion and the deployment of two Device Mobile Classified Capability (DMCC) gateways OCONUS which will include Top Secret (TS) and Secret capabilities in the Pacific and Southwest Asia." Funding for the DISN will focus on the purchasing and testing of "optical and IP routers, switches, and Communications Security equipment" related to the upgrading of DISA's optical network.

**Top 10 DISA RDT&E Programs, FY 2016**

| Program | $M |
|---|---|
| JITC | 64 |
| DISN | 28 |
| AITS JPO | 23 |
| GCCS-J | 22 |
| GCSS-J, Inc. 8 | 15 |
| AF NC3-MEECN Mod. | 14 |
| GEMSIS | 12 |
| DoD Mobility | 9 |
| Joint Spectrum Center | 9 |
| GIG Engineering & Spt. | 7 |

Source: DoD FY 2016 SNAP-IT

In conclusion, this snapshot of the FY 2016 DISA budget shows that engineering the DISN to provide the backbone for the Joint Information Environment will remain DISA's highest priority in FY 2016, with funding spread out in all categories of IT spending – O&M, Procurement, and RDT&E. DISA's FY 2016 spending will remain heavy on communications and network equipment, with DISA personnel and service contractors already in place providing the support required to install and configure the equipment for the agency.