PPPL Institutional Issues

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Budget Requirements to Support OFES Programs

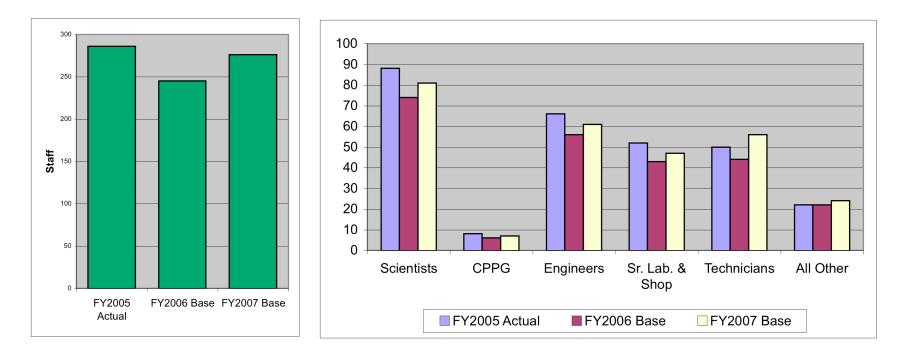
Project	FY2005	FY2006		FY2007	
	BA*	Base	Inc.	Base	Inc.
NSTX	\$ 29.5	\$ 25.7	\$ 6.2	\$ 30.0	\$ 2.6
NCSX QPS/NSO/AIRES/APEX/Econ.	16.2 1.3	15.3 0.5	6.1 2.1	15.4 0.5	7.4 2.3
DIII-D/C-Mod Collaborations International Collaborations	6.4 2.7	6.3 2.3	0.8 0.9	6.3 2.3	0.8 1.0
Theory/SciDAC	7.1	6.9	1.6	6.9	1.4
PS&T (LTX, MRX, MNX, etc.) IFE	4.2 1.6	4.3 0.8	1.1 0.8	4.3 0.8	1.2 0.8
Diagnostic Development	0.5	0.5	-	0.5	-
Science Education GPP All Other	0.6 1.6 0.6	0.6 1.8 0.6	0.1 	0.6 1.8 0.6	0.1
TOTAL OFES (Excluding ITER) \$ 72.4	\$ 65.7	\$ 19.8	\$ 70.0	\$ 17.6

(\$Millions)

PPPL base budget is down by \$6.7 million in FY 2006



Direct Staffing Covered by Funding Plan



Budget shortfall in '06 being addressed by:

- Voluntary separation program (VSP) and attrition.
- Canceling procurements/travel/overtime to pay for VSP associated severance costs,
- Increased participation in ITER (?)
 - insufficient to address the staffing shortfall.



Exacerbating Factors

- Ratio of sum of labor, fixed and long-lead procurements costs to total funding continues to trend up.
 - 70% in '99 and 90% in '06 & 84% in '07
 - Loss of flexibility to accommodate budget cuts.
- Office of Science contractual requirements for increased support
 of Laboratory infrastructure
 - \$1.4M increase to maintenance budget required
- The future of ITER and PPPL's role in it is not known.
 - Problem for the whole community in assessing staffing requirements.
 - Participation in ITER will be decided competitively.
 - Assumed to continue at the present level.



Impact of a 10% Reduction in '07 Relative to the Base Case

Staffing Impact

- The "10% reduction in '07" would result in a loss of 50 scientists, engineers, technicians and administrators relative to present staff.
- ~60 additional losses if severance is not funded separately.
- Programmatic Impact (if ~50 staff are reduced)
 - Impact is built up by individual projects.
 - Not operate NSTX
 - First plasma on NCSX slips by additional ~4 months relative to the new stretched out construction schedule.
 - Unable to meet Office of Science expectations on facility maintenance initiatives.
 - Increase risk to the Laboratory's ability to meet environmental and other regulations.



Summary

- PPPL participates in, and supports, the broad portfolio of research activities in OFES
- ITER will be a major scientific opportunity for the Fusion Energy Science community
 - At present , we do not know when it will move forward.
- U.S. domestic program is central to our contributing to and taking advantage of ITER results.
 - Critical that we work together and support the need for both a strong U.S. domestic program and participation in ITER.
- Currently planned funding does not support 40 staff in FY'06.
 - Announced a Voluntary Separation Program.
- PPPL research and engineering staff can support a greater level of effort on: NSTX, NCSX, ITER, HIF, SciDAC, and off-site collaborations.

