

Strategic Choices Exercise

3A Exercise Objectives

- Develop alternative strategies to rebalance DoD's major capabilities in light of projected security challenges and potential defense budget cuts
- "Stress test" the strategies over the next two FYDPs (FY2014-2018 and FY2019-2023) at two different levels of budget reductions

Note:

Exercise results represent the opinions of each team, not specific organizations

• Explore major tradeoffs and their impact over time

Exercise focused on <u>rebalancing DoD's capabilities</u>, not specific programs or program costs

CSBA Exercise Guidance

For this exercise we assumed:

- The 2012 Defense Strategic Guidance was a starting point only:
 - Each team based their rebalancing choices on their strategy
- The BCA is revised:



- Budget cuts run from FY2014 to FY2023 (even though BCA caps end in FY2021)
- DoD must meet budget targets for each FYDP, not year by year
- DoD's proposed compensation reforms and efficiency initiatives are in effect



Our Approach

- Each team individually developed a rebalancing strategy
- Each team then used CSBA's rebalancing tool to make investment and divestment decisions for the first FYDP (FY2014-18) and then second FYDP (FY2019-23) that supported their strategy under two fiscal scenarios:

<u>Scenario #A</u> – Rebalance capabilities for each FYDP assuming full BCA-level cuts

<u>Scenario #B</u> – "Buy back" capabilities for each FYDP assuming half BCA-level cuts

	Scenario A	Scenario B
FY14-18	-\$260 B	-\$56 B
FY19-23	-\$261 B	-\$191 B
Total	-\$522 B	-\$247 B

CSBA Two Budget Scenarios





Scenario A: Budget Control Act Cuts



CSBA 50% of Budget Control Act Cuts



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Rebalancing Tool

- Teams used CSBA-developed rebalancing tool
- Database includes more than 650 pre-costed budget options
- Options are organized by major capability areas instead of by organizations
- Intent was to look <u>across</u> major capability portfolios (air, sea, land, missile defense, strategic deterrence, etc.) instead of Service stovepipes



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Team Rebalancing Strategies and Choices