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“Naval Aviation investments must continue to provide the maximum value possible at the best cost to the Navy. Our Future Readiness Initiatives process plays an important role—helping Naval Aviation leaders identify the best initiatives to champion now in order to realize the greatest possible return on investment over time.”

- Rear Adm. William Moran, Director, Air Warfare (OPNAV N98)

Future Readiness Initiatives – Seeking innovative ideas to improve readiness while optimizing costs

If you are a member of the Naval Aviation community—whether you are brand new or have been part of the community for decades—odds are that you have ideas for improving an aspect of a Naval Aviation system or platform. And even if you don’t have such ideas yourself, you can bet that your colleagues or subordinates have innovative ideas in mind. The trouble, though, can sometimes lie in how to share and prioritize all the best ideas so they can be elevated up to leadership and potentially funded.

Enter the Naval Aviation Enterprise (NAE) [Future Readiness Cross Functional Team \(FR CFT\)](#)—a team dedicated to gathering, scoring and championing initiatives for submission in the Program Objective Memorandum (POM) budget process.

On May 15, Rear Adm. Richard Butler, Head, Air Warfare Requirements (OPNAV N98W), launched the Future Readiness initiatives process for POM 16, distributing the [call for initiatives](#)* to numerous Navy and Marine Corps aviation activities. With the Future Readiness initiatives process currently underway, now is the chance to submit your ideas for improving readiness and/or optimizing costs.

- **Initiatives should show readiness impacts or reduced Total Ownership Cost.**

Submissions can represent platform-specific initiatives or systemic, cross-platform initiatives—addressing everything from specific readiness degraders to big-picture logistics or maintenance processes. To better understand the types of initiatives to submit, visit the [FR CFT internal SharePoint site](#)* and view examples of previously submitted initiatives.

- **Initiatives can be easily submitted using the online Rack and Stack Tracking Application.**

Again this year, teams can submit initiatives using the updated [Rack and Stack Tracking Application](#)* (RASTA), located as a module on the OPNAV N9’s Resource Allocation Model (RAM). When first clicking on the link for RASTA, those wishing to access the site need to request a user account. Once on the site, users can access the RASTA User Guide for instructions.

- **Selected initiatives will be championed by FR CFT for endorsement by the NAE Executive Committee.**

FR CFT voting members and NAVAIR subject matter experts will review all of the initiatives and create a prioritized list to brief to the NAE Executive Committee (EXCOMM). The EXCOMM will review items on the list for consideration in the POM-16 budget cycle, and approved initiatives will then enter into the OPNAV budget process for potential funding.

The track record for initiatives submitted through the FR CFT is exceptional. In POMs 12-15, the FR CFT championed 36 initiatives of which 22 received investment funding. The projected overall return on investment of the 22 initiatives is nine to one.

The FR CFT is accepting submissions through July 10, 2013. For more information on submitting initiatives, email nae@navy.mil.

**To access to these links you must have a SharePoint account through iNavy and permissions to the NAE site. For more information, contact nae@navy.mil.*

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Questions? Ask: nae@navy.mil

May 2013: Col. Gregory Masiello, Program Manager Aviation (PMA) for the MV-22, Naval Air Systems Command

Main Points

- The Future Readiness Cross Functional Team is seeking high-quality, well-developed ideas for initiatives. The FR CFT is expecting to receive 40 initiative submissions and will select the 10 best initiatives.
- Naval Aviation community members can submit innovative ideas for Future Readiness initiatives now through July 10, as stated in the [call for initiatives](#).*

Facts/ Figures/Resources

Click on the links below to learn more:

- Examples of previous years’ Future Readiness initiatives are available on the [FR CFT internal SharePoint site](#).*
- Future Readiness initiatives can improve the return on Naval Aviation resources. For POMs 12-15, the FR CFT enabled the funding for 22 initiatives with an investment of approximately \$304 million and a projected cost avoidance of approximately \$3.1 billion.