Defense Budget Trends
(DoD Budget Authority)

$ Billions (FY09 Constant)

Source: USD (Comptroller) National Defense Budget Estimates for the FY 2009 Budget (Green Book)
DEFENSE ACQUISITIONS
Assessments of Selected Weapon Programs

“...total costs for the fiscal year 2007 portfolio of major defense acquisition programs increased 26 percent from first estimates ...development costs ... increased by 40 percent ... In most cases, programs also failed to deliver capabilities when promised - often forcing warfighters to spend additional funds on maintaining legacy systems...Of the 72 weapon programs we assessed this year, no program had proceeded through system development meeting the best practices standards for mature technologies, stable design, and mature production processes – all prerequisites for achieving planned costs, schedule, and performance outcomes.”