5-year Moving Average of Annual Growth of Contracted Costs
(largest contracts on major programs, 1985–2015)

Contract Growth: Development and Early Production
(scope growth + overruns; in dollars, after inflation)

- Post Goldwater-Nichols
- Reagan Buildup
- Reinventing Gov’t Transformation
- TSPR
- Better Buying Power
- War on Terror

n = 1,123 contracts for 239 programs