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Overview of the FY 2004 Federal Budget Environment

- President’s priorities are national defense, war on terror, and homeland security
- President’s budget seeks 4% growth in domestic discretionary spending
- Congress will support the President’s budget requests
FY 2004 Science Agency Budgets and Policy Issues

- National Science Foundation –
  - Authorization act to double the budget
  - In FY 2003 NSF up 13%
  - Geosciences increases by 13.4%
  - Atmospheric by 15% and
  - HIAPER funding on top of that
  - FY 2004 – 4% or 5%
FY 2004 Science Agency
Budgets and Policy Issues

- NOAA
  - Request is $3.3 billion
  - House cuts by $300 million
  - Senate recommends $3.8 billion
  - NOAA climate change
  - USGCRP vs. CCRI
  - U.S. Weather Research Program
  - OAR
  - Collaborations Fund
FY 2004 Science Agency
Budgets and Policy Issues

- NASA – earth science support down; Gehman report
- DHS – university research program, HSARPA solicitations
- DOE – Office of Science - $3.3 to $3.4 billion, omnibus energy bill
- DOD – modest increase for research, basic research up .17%
Looking Ahead
What’s Next?

- Administration – What is the purpose? What are the results?
- NOAA – reauthorization process
- DHS – newly emerging, may offer opportunities
- NSF – needs community support