

THE NAVY'S BUDGET SLEIGHT OF HAND

We all have to live within our means. This is true for families and businesses, and it should also be true for the Pentagon. However, the Navy and some Congressional allies are trying to game the system and protect their shipbuilding budget by pawning off the building costs for the OHIO-class submarine replacement onto the rest of the Pentagon, which would **drive up overall defense spending.**

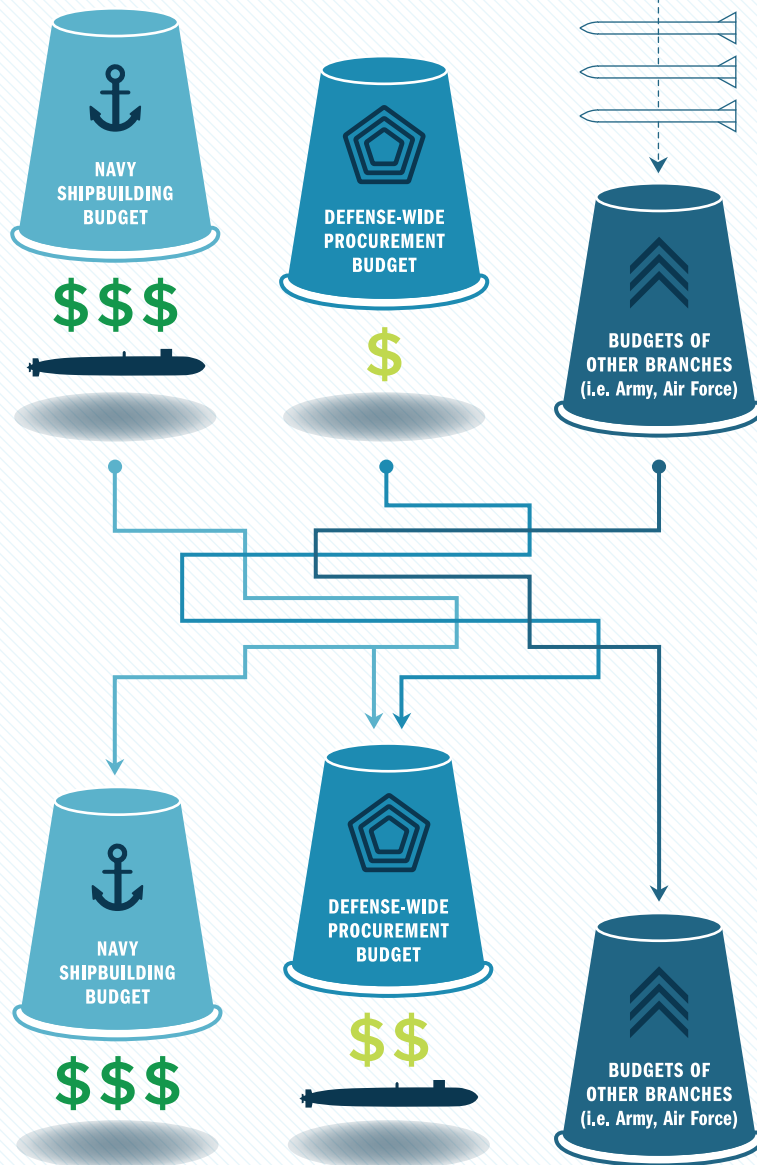
THE NATIONAL SEA-BASED DETERRENCE FUND: A FUNDING SHELL GAME TO PASS OFF THE COSTS OF BUILDING NEW SUBMARINES

A STRATEGIC NATIONAL ASSET?

Proponents of this maneuver argue that submarines are so crucial to our national security that they shouldn't be considered a Navy asset, but rather a national one.

CERTAINLY NOT THE ONLY ONE

This opens the door for a budget shell-game that could just as easily apply to the Air Force's silo-based intercontinental ballistic missiles or a host of other military assets.



NATIONAL SEA-BASED DETERRENCE FUND



This is the new account that Congress has already created to take the costs of buying new submarines off the Navy's bill. Funding projects in this way obscures the real costs and hard choices inherent in budgetary decision making.

THE FIGURES



\$14.4 BILLION REQUESTED

for FY15 Navy Shipbuilding Budget



\$15.6 BILLION AUTHORIZED

in the final FY15 Congressional Authorization for Navy Shipbuilding Budget, a **\$1.2 BILLION INCREASE** over the request



PLUS AN EXTRA \$3.5 BILLION FOR A NEW SUB

in the FY15 National Defense-Wide Procurement Budget (via the Sea-Based Deterrence Fund) just to build these submarines, which **NEARLY DOUBLES** money spent on Defense-Wide Procurement

\$91.9 BILLION

THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE'S ESTIMATED TOTAL TO PROCURE THE REPLACEMENT SUBMARINES