

**Q 38:**

We are aware that the budget process has provided some additional funding which might allow as much as \$20 M be moved forward from FY 06 to FY 05. Can we utilize this positive change to improve our CSR submits with lower risk approaches?

**A 38:**

Concept study reports should reflect the funding profile that will most effectively and efficiently achieve mission objectives, while remaining within the \$325M (FY'03) funding cap. The Mars Exploration Program has made programmatic adjustments that will allow a somewhat more aggressive profile than the one provided with the AO if necessary. It is anticipated that the profiles proposed with the concept study report will fit somewhere between the AO profile and this one. Both profiles are shown below. The Round 2 Evaluation Process will address all cost proposal issues, including the reality and appropriateness of the proposed cost profile.

Potential new profile:

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Totals (\$M RY)	5	23	110	95	94	15

AO profile:

	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Totals (\$M RY)	5	23	90	115	94	15