



Suggested Supplemental Budget Activities for Termination by the 25th STCU Governing Board

1. Supplemental Budget #2 – Information Technology Support

Background and Goals:

The “Information Technology Support” activity was approved by the 11th Governing Board on December 7, 2000. The objective of the activity is to develop, maintain, and expand information technology capabilities of the STCU.

Which Funding Party Used this SB line:

The United States was the only Funding Party ever to utilize this budget line. The U.S. utilized this budget line to fund “internet cafes” at select institutes of interest.

Last time that this Supplemental Budget was utilized:

Last used by the United States in 2005 to install an “internet café” into the Institute of Medical Prophylaxis in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Financial Information:

Budget: \$350,000 for U.S. Solely Funded (no other funds from other Funding Parties for this SB activity).
Funds Expended during life of SB: \$180,681.70 (for U.S. Solely Funded only).

Why STCU Management recommends eliminating this SB activity:

Assistance to selected institutes will be conducted through the newly created SB 13 – Institute Sustainability. Furthermore, the need for STCU-installed “internet cafes” has reduced drastically over the last years, as the availability of the Internet services in STCU Recipient countries has increased rapidly, including the introduction of Internet access in private sector “internet cafes”, as well as the institutes’ increased ability to install their own Internet access.

2. Supplemental Budget #3 – Communications Support

Background and Goals:

The “Communications Support” activity was approved by the 11th Governing Board on December 7, 2000. The main objective of the activity is to assist scientists and institutes from Newly Independent States party to the STCU Agreement in establishing and enhancing information access and exchange with their colleagues in the U.S., Canada, and European Union.

Which Funding Party Used this SB line:

The U.S. utilized this budget line to fund the installation of communication and computer equipment in the offices of the Government of Ukraine in order to facilitate the quick processing of host government concurrence for project proposals. The United States was the only Funding Party ever to utilize this budget line.



Last time that this Supplemental Budget was utilized:

Last used by the United States in 2004 to fund travel for an STCU Senior Specialist to Uzbekistan to assist with the development of the CASRI project.

Financial Information:

Budget: \$332,785.00 for U.S. Solely Funded (no other funds from other Funding Parties for this SB activity)

Funds expended during life of SB: \$7,698.80 (for U.S. Solely Funded only)

Why STCU Management recommends eliminating this SB activity:

Assistance to select institutes will be conducted through the newly created SB 13 – Institute Sustainability.

3. Supplemental Budget #7 – Expert Contact (Program Related)

Background and Goals:

The “Expert Contact” activity was approved by the 11th Governing Board on December 7, 2000. The goal of this activity is to support the travel of Western experts to participate in STCU program related events.

Which Funding Party Used this SB line:

The United States was the only Funding Party ever to utilize this budget line, and used it only once (to fund the purchase of an entry visa for an U.S. expert in 2001).

Last time that this Supplemental Budget was utilized:

Purchase of visa for expert was made for travel planned in September 2001, but the U.S. expert never traveled because of the then-travel difficulties associated with the events of September 11, 2001 in the United States.

Financial Information:

Budget: \$50,000.00 for U.S. Solely Funded (no other funds from other Funding Parties for this SB activity).

Funds expended during life of SB: \$81.90 (for U.S. Solely Funded only).

Why STCU Management recommends eliminating this SB activity:

All funding support for the travel of Western experts can be handled through the use of SB #1 – Technical, Collaborator, and Contractor Travel Support.

4. Supplemental Budget #11 – Targeted Research and Development (R&D) Initiatives

Background and Goals:

The Targeted R&D Initiatives activity was approved by the 18th Governing Board on 2 December 2004.



The goal of this activity is to create STCU-managed opportunities for STCU Recipient scientists and institutes that involve large research activities focused on a recognized S&T priority or a high-interest S&T problem. The activity will bring to bear the expertise of the STCU recipient scientists and institutes and will seek to attract financial and technical assistance from regional and international grant organizations (e.g., UN agencies, science foundations, cooperative S&T programs in Europe, the United States, and elsewhere) as well as from the government and private agencies of the STCU Recipient Parties.

The main objective of the activity is to provide a central organizing and financial resource authority to coordinate and support selected R&D initiatives identified by the STCU, its Parties, or other organizations. These R&D initiatives will be broader than the usual ad hoc STCU projects and related activities, involving multiple institutes across the STCU membership, multiple donor organizations, and multiple types of STCU activities (research projects, conferences/workshops, travel support, internet upgrades, etc.).

Which Funding Party Used this SB line:

The United States, Canada, and the European Union utilized this as a shared SB line.

Last time that this Supplemental Budget was utilized:

Funds for Canada and the European Union were completely utilized with the approval of Ukrainian and Georgian Targeted Initiative projects at the 24th STCU Governing Board Meeting. The U.S. Funds will be completely utilized at the 25th STCU Governing Board with the approval of Azeri Targeted Initiative projects.

Financial Information:

Budget: \$1,350,000, shared amongst the U.S., E.U., and CA.

Funds expended during life of SB: all except for small amounts to be credited to the Funding Parties Undesignated Contributed Capital Accounts at the end of 2007.

Why STCU Management recommends eliminating this SB activity:

With the changes in the Funding Party policies on Targeted Initiative funding decisions, this SB line no longer reflects its original purpose. Originally, the Funding Parties would all agree, by consensus, to finance a proposed Targeted Initiative project, and the co-funding of the STCU share of that project would come from this SB line according to the cost-sharing percentages agreed to by the three Funding Parties. However, at the end of 2006 the Funding Parties decided to move away from this consensual approach, and instead make individual Funding Party decisions on financing selected Targeted Initiative projects (an approach that is similar to that of funding Regular Projects). Thus, as Funding Parties now make individual funding decisions on Targeted Initiative projects, and draw from their undesignated funds according to the invoice guidelines stipulated by each Funding Party, there is no longer a use for this separate SB line.