



# NASA EPSCoR Caucus Meeting Financial Summary

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- Joined Kennedy Space Center April 2016
- B.S. in B.A, MBA
  - Background in Data Analytics
    - Ford Motor Company, CordBlood Registry, Drugstore.com, PACCAR, Starwood Vacation Ownership
- EPSCoR Responsibilities
  - Tracking Technical Monitor Travel
    - Looking for cost discrepancies and adhering to budget allocations.
  - Financial Summaries
    - Keeping the EPSCoR National Project Manager updated with various financial statuses.





# Technical Monitor Travel

- 2016
  - Inaugural year
  - 13 Technical Monitors Traveled
- 2017
  - 78 Technical Monitors invited
    - 12 completed trips (as of 6/6/2017)
- Research Project Reviews
  - Increased from an average of 78% (2007-2015) to 93% in 2016.
    - The Technical Monitor Travel has made a substantial difference in research project reviews by the originally assigned NASA Technical Monitors in 2016.





# Technical Monitor Travel

Technical Monitors say.....

- “This is an excellent addition to assuring the success and readiness of our EPSCoR ISS research project.”
- “It’s great to know that NASA HQ/ARCD has given the EPSCoR Project Office authority to fund 2017 Technical Monitor travel.”





# Financial Status

- Monthly Financial Status
  - E-mailed to each director for ~7 months
    - 87.5% return
  - Purpose/Goals
    - Helps Directors see their overall grant financial information in one place
    - What they expected to cost vs. what has actually cost
      - Reduce the deobligated amount
      - “No money left on the table”
    - Proposed cost share vs. actual cost share
      - NASA does not have visibility into each jurisdictions cost share
      - This is to help keep the jurisdictions on track, prepare for potential audits, as well as help NASA stay on top of their mission goals.





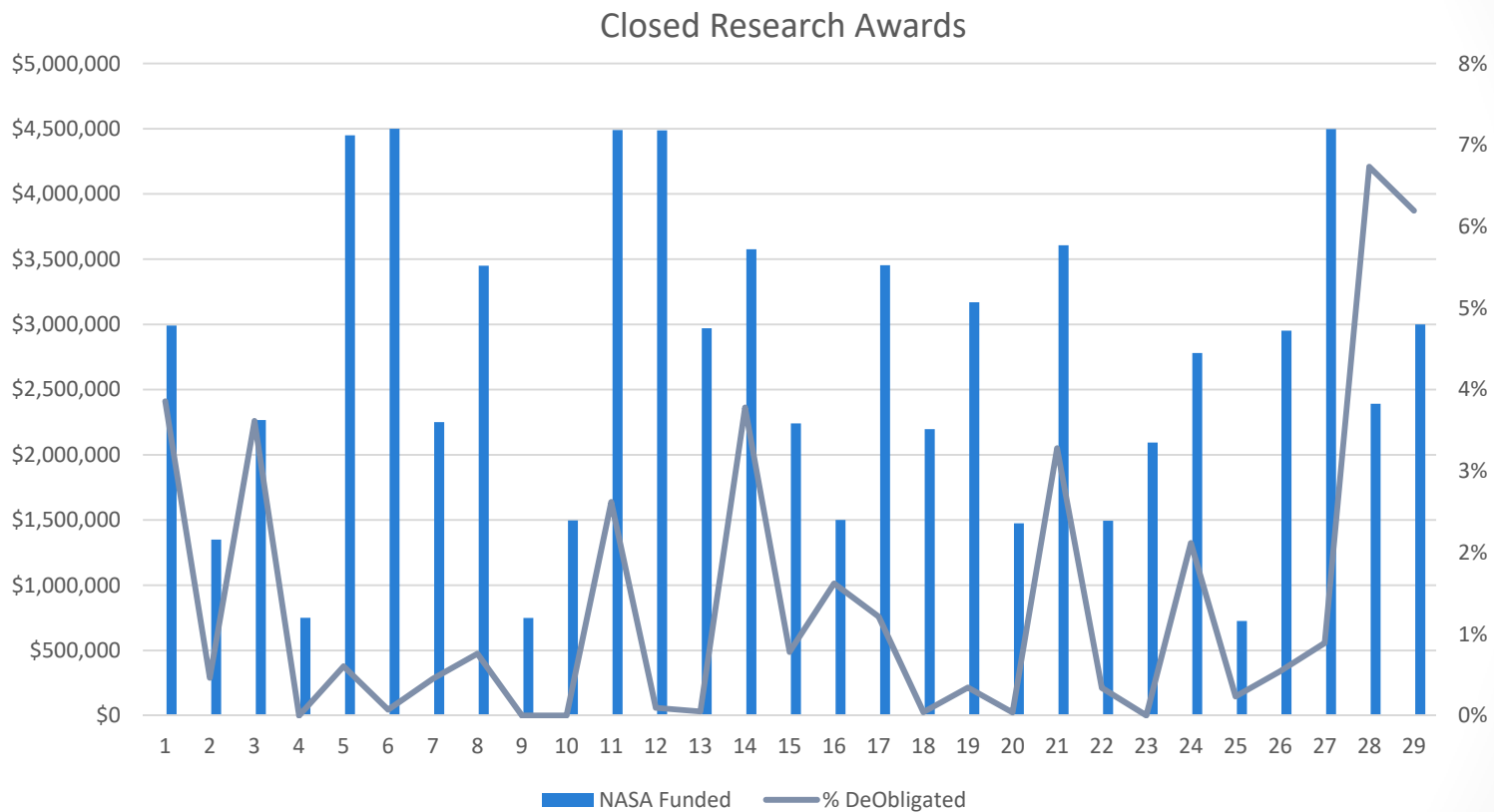
# Financial Status

- **Obligation** is incurred when an order is placed, and a contract or grant is awarded. Establishes the government's legal responsibility to pay for future goods or services to be received from a contractor, vendor , or grantee.
- **Deobligation** is a downward adjustment of a previously recorded obligation attributable to a contract termination or modification, price revision or correction of amounts originally recorded.





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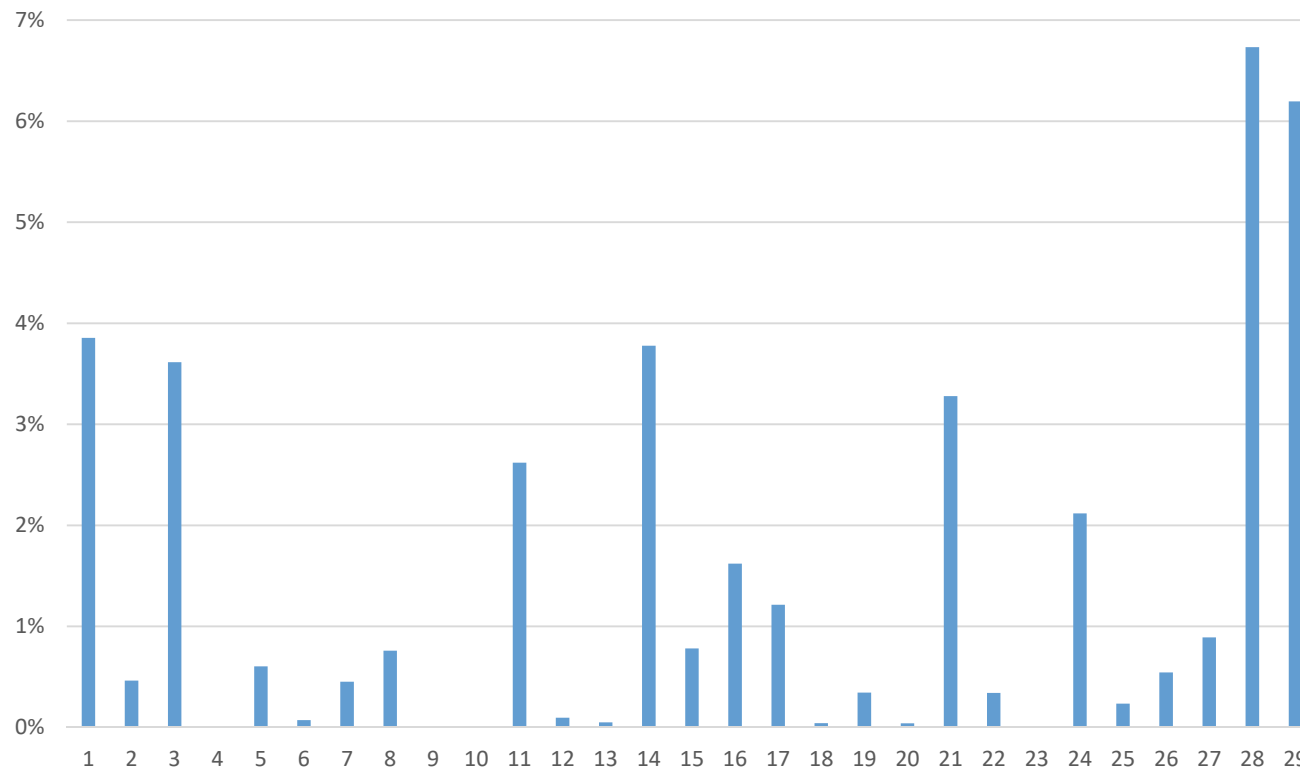
- Total Closed Deobligations \$1.2M





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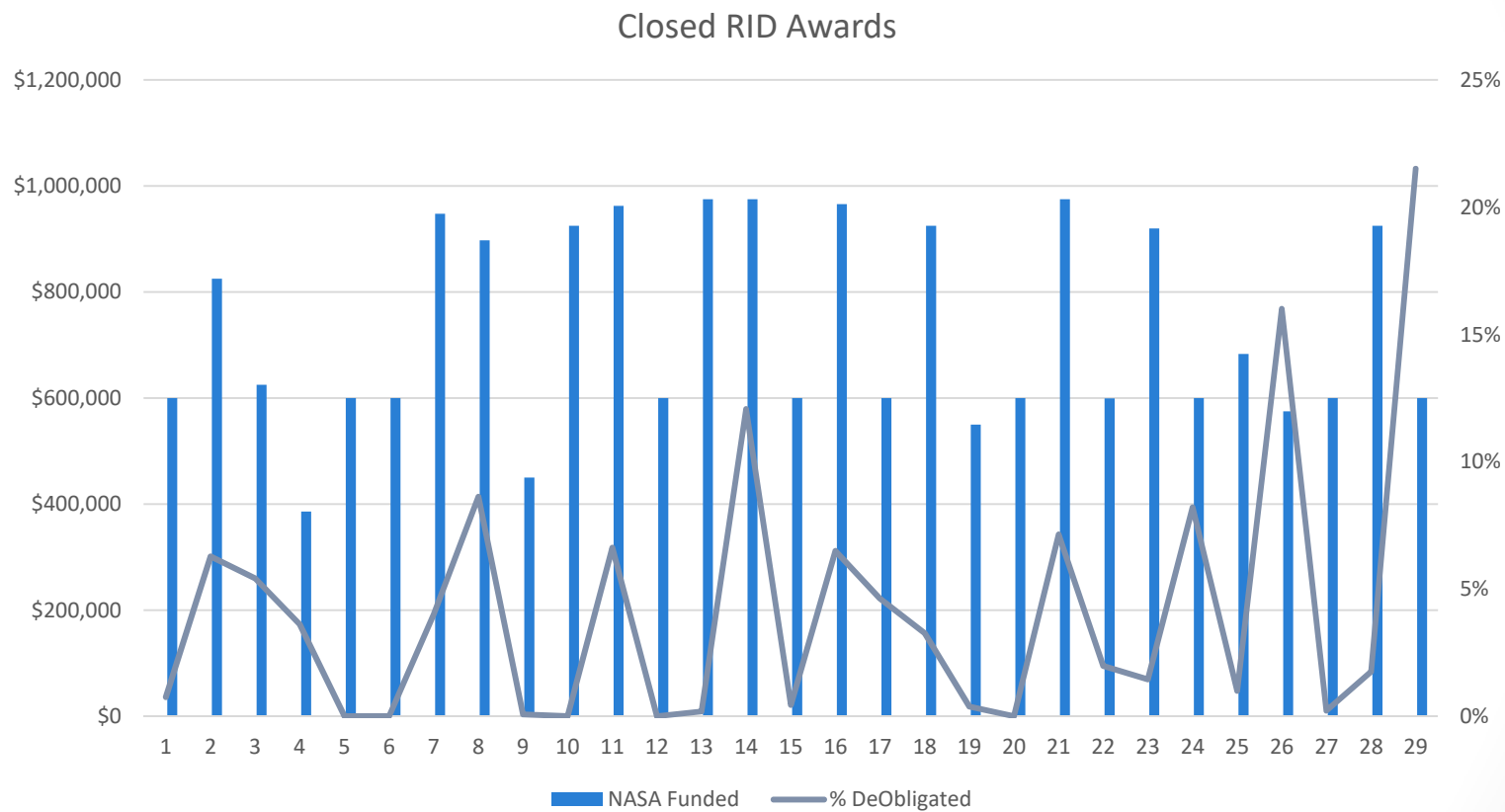
Closed Research Awards % DeObligated







# Financial Status



Closed RID Deobligations - \$2.2M



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