

OTHER FACILITIES FUNDING

Research and Related Activities Account Construction Projects

The R&RA account supports the acquisition, construction, and commissioning of the Antarctic Infrastructure Modernization for Science (AIMS) project. For information on AIMS funded through this account, refer to the Office of Polar Programs Chapter

Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction Account Projects

The MREFC account supports the acquisition, construction, and commissioning of major research facilities and equipment that provide unique capabilities at the frontiers of science and engineering. Projects supported by this account are intended to extend the boundaries of technology and open new avenues for discovery for the science and engineering community. Initial planning and design, and follow-on operations and maintenance costs of the facilities are provided through the Research and Related Activities (R&RA) account.

For information on projects funded through this account, refer to the MREFC chapter of this Budget Request.

Preconstruction Planning

Within the R&RA account, funds are provided for preconstruction studies for prospective major facility projects. This funding generally supports such activities as design, cost estimates, and other actions that prepare potential projects for oversight review, agency decision milestones, and potential implementation.