

OBSIP

U.S. National Ocean Bottom Seismic Instrumentation Pool

This is an informational budget provided to prospective users of instruments in the U.S. National Ocean Bottom Seismic Instrumentation Pool. The institutional instrument contributors (IICs) to the National Pool will provide complete engineering and technical support for OBS operations at sea. The cost of providing this support (e.g., instrument charges, personnel support, shipping and travel) will be funded directly through the Pool; these costs do not need to be included in individual science proposals. NSF does, however, require PIs to provide an informational budget estimating these costs in any proposal requesting OBSIP instruments. For more information on OBSIP, see <http://www.obsip.org>.

Project title: Lithospheric Extension in the Gulfs of Suez and Aqaba

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Funding Agency: NSF Margins

Submission deadline: *1-Nov-01*

Instruments: 50 OBS 2 component
50 total deployments
40 day cruise

Date of proposed experiment: *2003*

Logistics: *One leg; 40 day cruise*

Ports: Suez, Egypt

The following is an estimate of the cost of supporting the OBS operations requested in this proposal. These costs are subject to change depending on the scheduling of this project, the length and ports of the deployment and recovery legs, and the OBSIP institution that supports this project. A final budget for OBS support operations for this project will be negotiated as part of the annual cooperative agreement between NSF and the Pool IICs.

OBS Instrument drop charge:	1,849 per instrument*	92,453
	(includes batteries, deployment and, if applicable, redeployment costs)	
OBS engineering and technical support cost:		187,487
	(on shore and at sea)	
Shipping:		27,500
Travel:		13,943
Estimated total:		\$321,383

* Varies from proposal to proposal based on the mix of instrument types and deployment lengths

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