

The LECF Process at NAVICP

1. After the LECF data package is received, we input the data into the ROI model. The time required to do this varies. Accuracy and completeness of the data is key. The model is focused on return to the Navy Working Capital Fund (NWCF) and the Flying Hour Program, and neither applies until MSD, so we'll need to tweak the model to accurately account for that. Validation of the inputs is a team effort that includes the IWST, the program office, the contractor, NAVICP engineers, our budget shop, and anyone else who can contribute.
2. If the model reflects the required ROI, the next step is to schedule a pre-board. The IWST puts a brief together describing the initiative and its associated benefits. The pre-board gives everyone an opportunity to ask questions and provide input. Issues include how will the funding be executed, are the engineering estimates valid, etc. The pre-board can be scheduled as soon as the team believes that the data in the ROI is accurate.
3. The next step, assuming pre-board go-ahead, is a formal LECF Board internally at NAVICP. Approval at the directorate level is required (IWST, contracting, and engineering). The Board can be scheduled soon after the pre-board based on schedules of the required participants.
4. If Board approval is received, the ROI and the briefing are submitted to the Fleet for approval. It's a group called the Spares Committee (SPARCOM) consisting of OPNAV and CNAF members. The Fleet must concur with the implementation of the initiative (usually, an LECF entails increased up front Fleet investment that pays off over time with lower sustainment costs. SPARCOM approval commits the Fleet to the up front increase. Budgets are adjusted accordingly.) SPARCOM approval can take from one to two months.
5. After SPARCOM approval, the LECF can be implemented. Typically, an LECF is a regular ECF funded with NWCF. NRE is sent to appropriate activities, hardware procurements are initiated, etc. (The ECF requires CCCB approval.)
6. The timeline for the whole process varies, but assuming accurate data and a good ROI, approval can happen in about 10 months.