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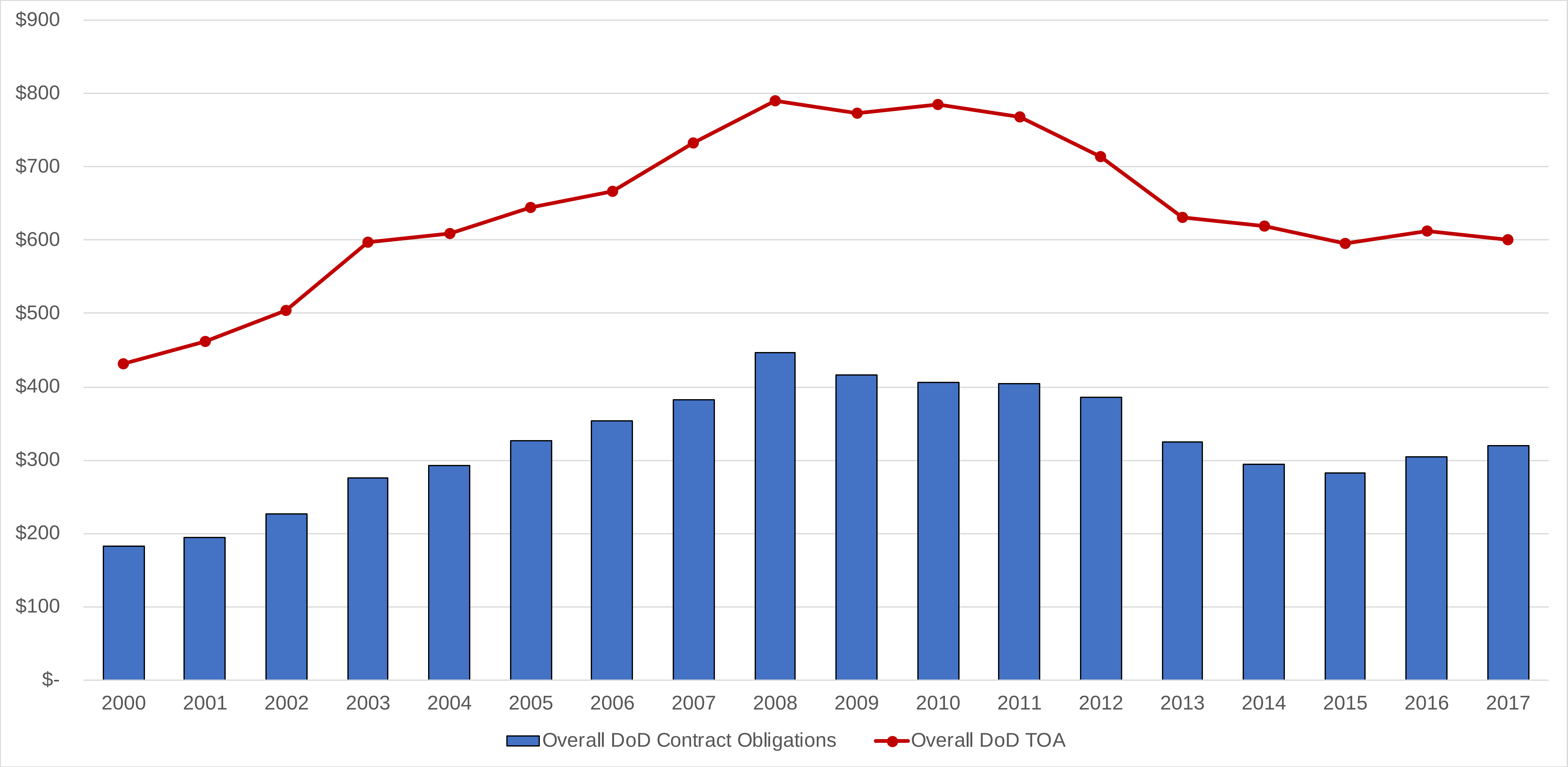

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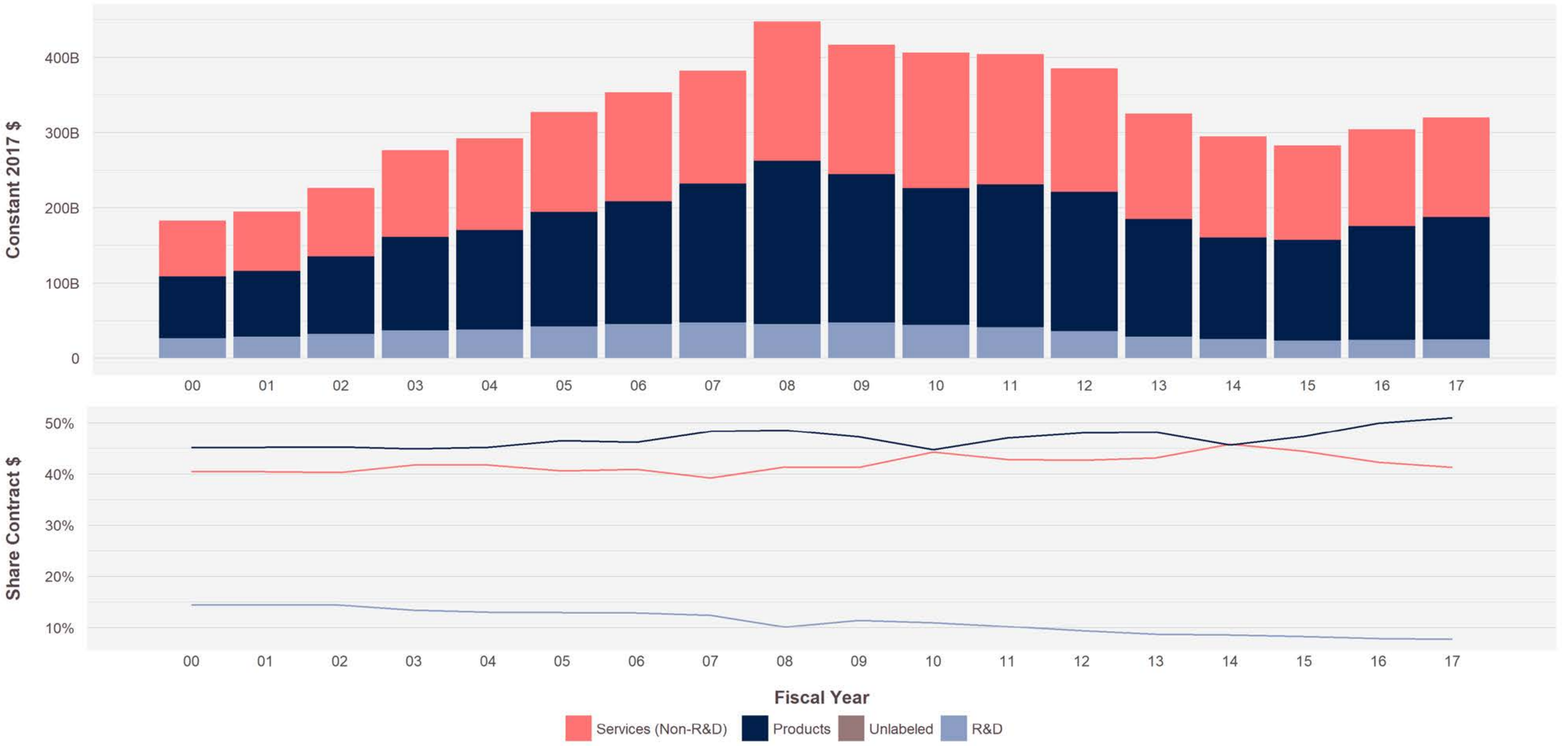

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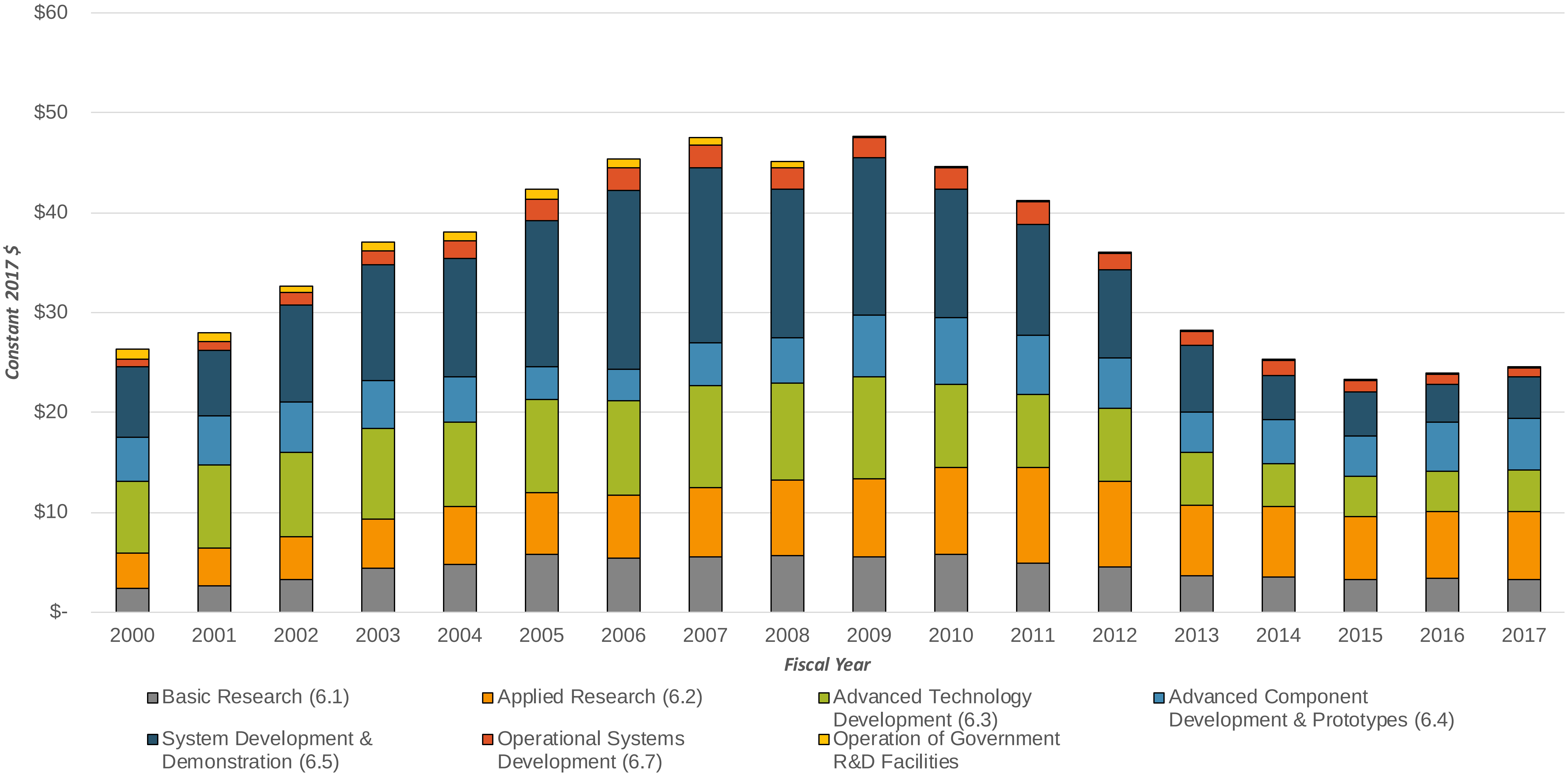

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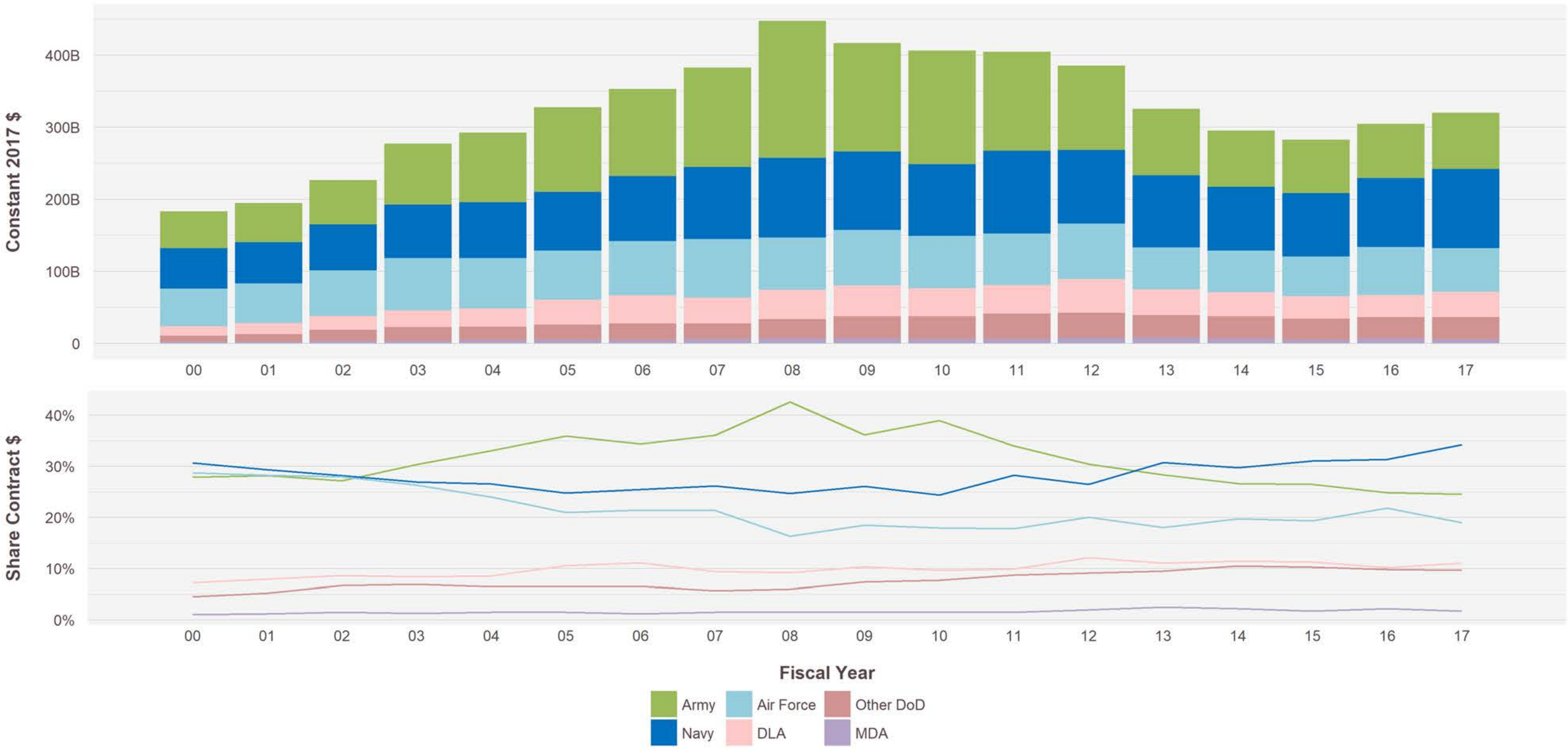

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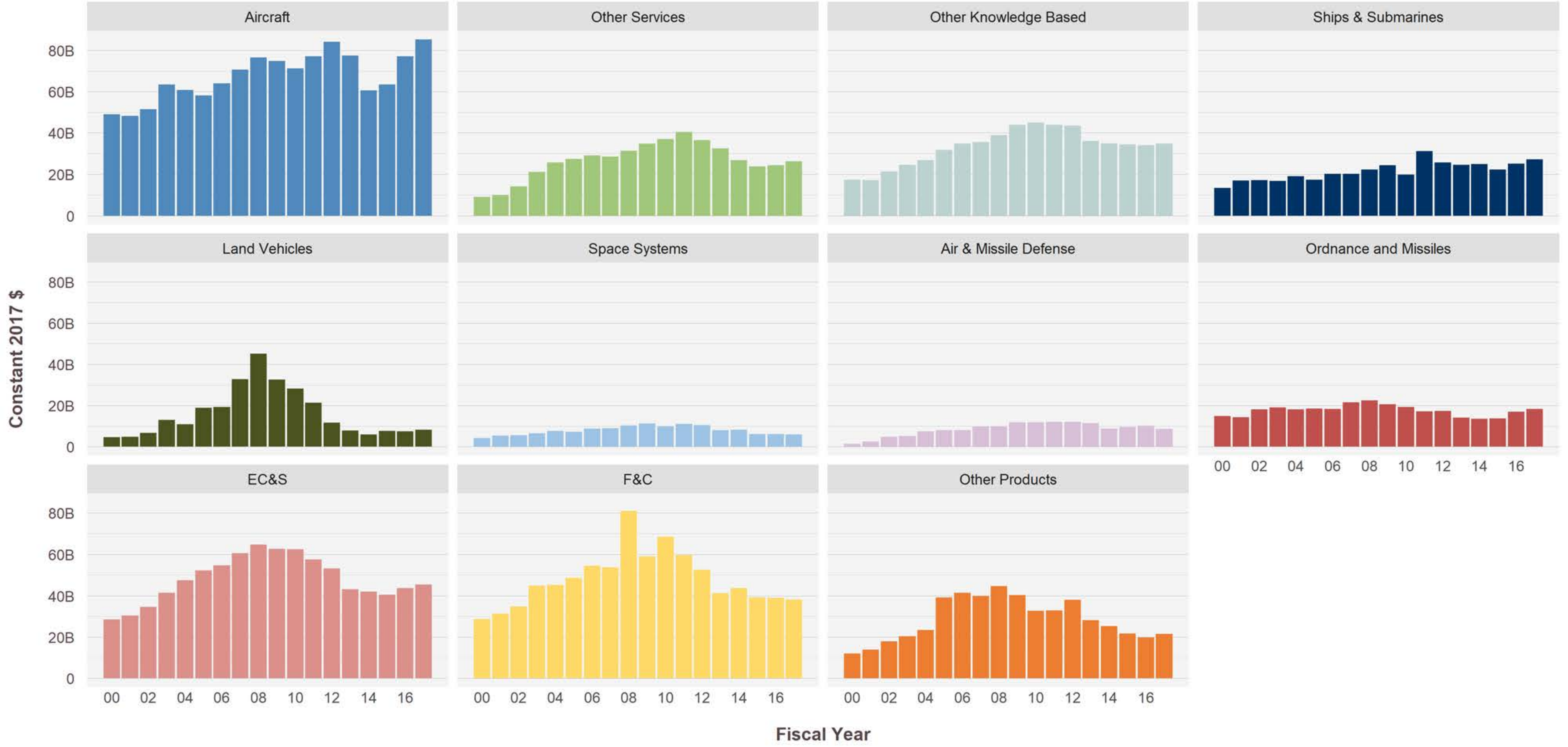

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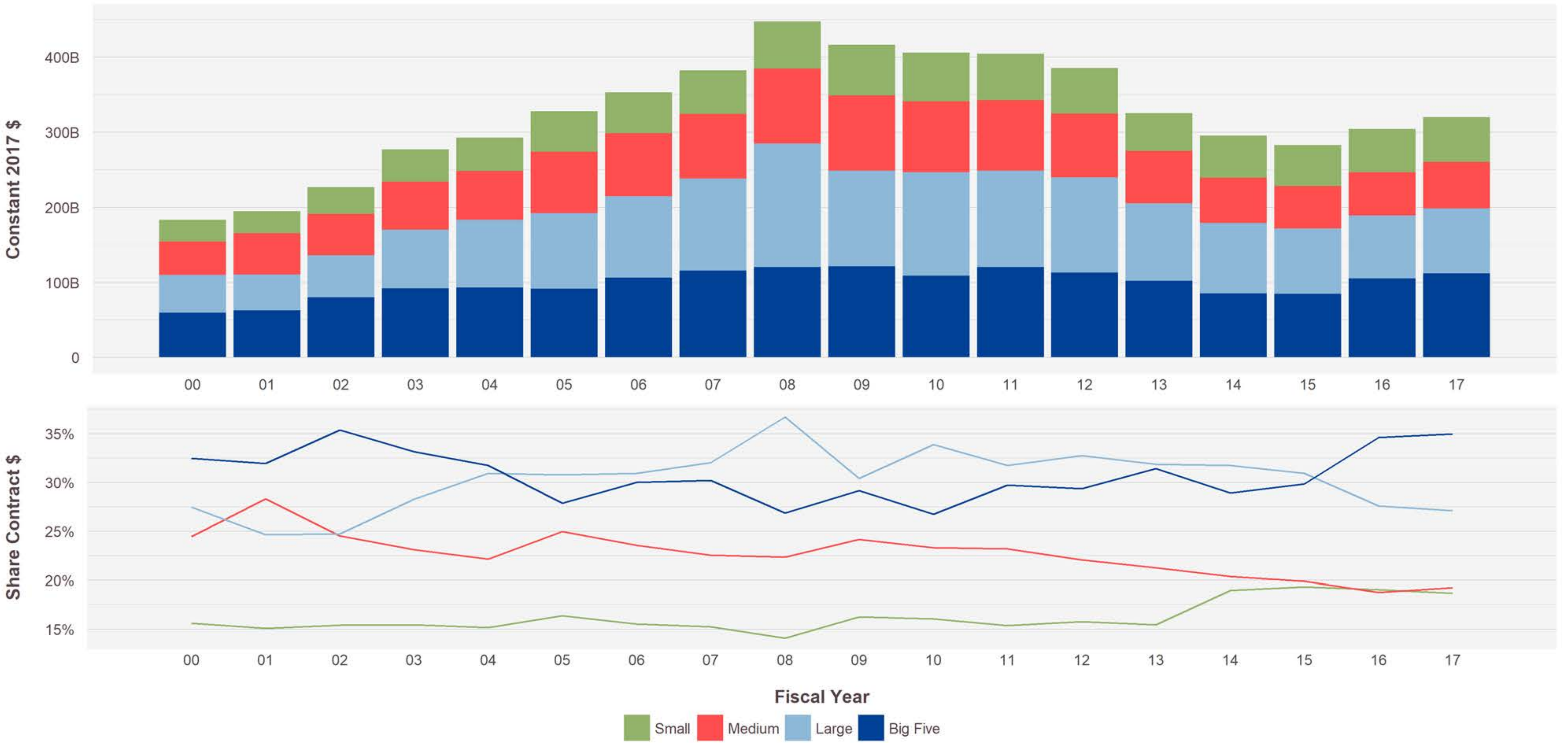

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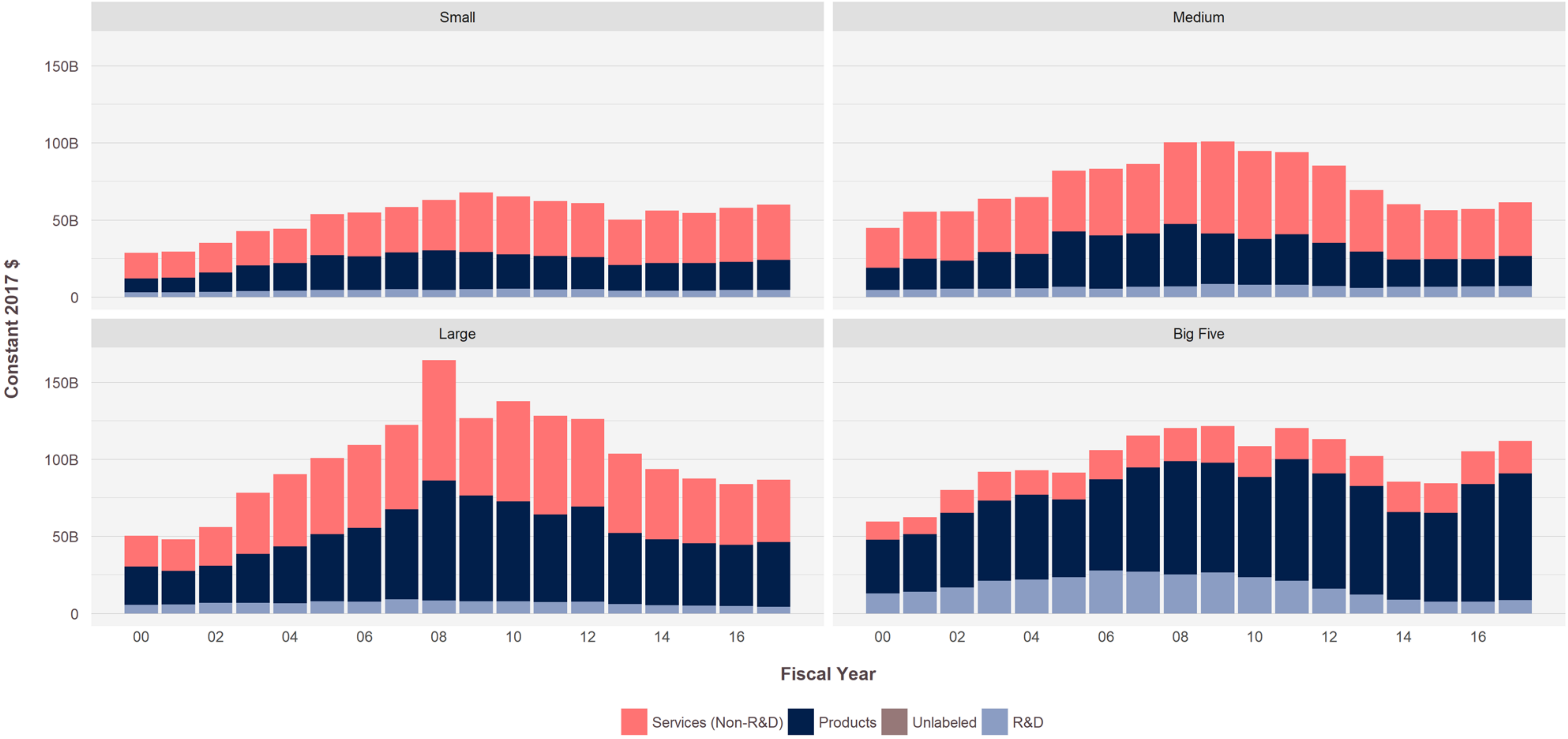

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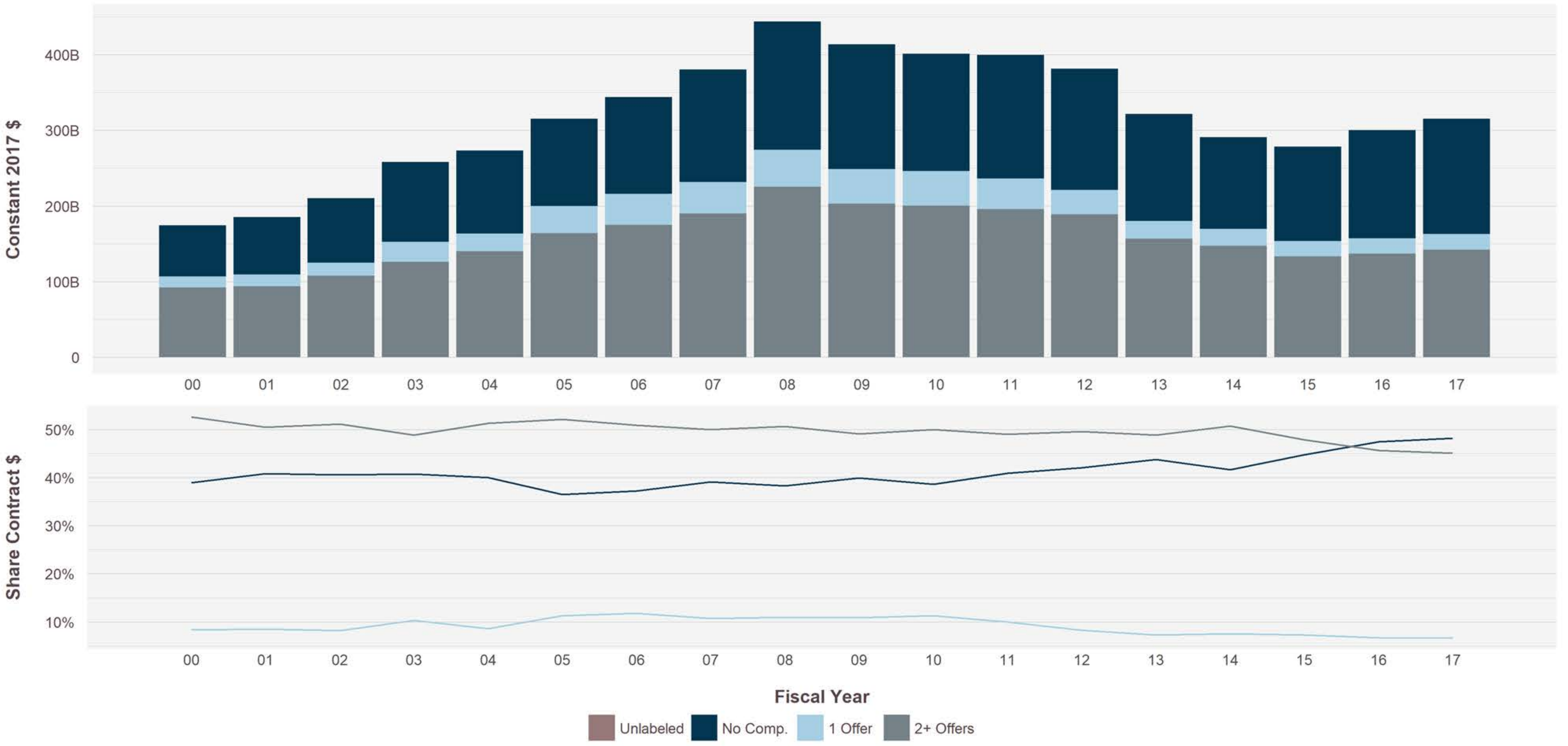

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CSIS Study Main Takeaways

1. Products contract obligations growth has significantly outpaced R&D and Services
2. Weapon system development pipeline trough might have bottomed out
3. Navy contract obligations have grown significantly over the past two years; Air Force contract obligations have experienced a whipsaw effect; Army contract obligations have steadily grown gradually
4. Land Vehicles Starts Bounce Back; Aircraft and Ordnance & Missiles Up; Air & Missile Defense Down
5. Big 5 saw the largest growth, but contract obligations for vendors of all sizes except large have increased.
6. The Rate of Effective Competition is down across DoD

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