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COST (\$ in Millions)	Prior Years	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023 Base	FY 2023 OCO	FY 2023 Total	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Cost To Complete	Total Cost
Total Program Element	-	207.103	130.766	44.714	0.000	44.714	76.815	73.662	206.538	476.653	Continuing	Continuing
664597: <i>AF Test Investments</i>	-	207.103	130.766	44.714	0.000	44.714	76.815	73.662	206.538	476.653	Continuing	Continuing
Quantity of RDT&E Articles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

**A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification**

This PE provides planning, improvements, and modernization for test capabilities within Air Force Test Center (AFTC) Major Range and Test Facility Base organizations: 96 Test Wing at Eglin AFB FL, the 412 Test Wing at Edwards AFB CA, and Arnold Engineering Development Complex (AEDC) at Arnold AFB TN. The 704th Test Group at Holloman AFB NM and the McKinley Climatic Lab at Eglin AFB are aligned under AEDC as part of the management consolidation of Ground test capabilities. Finally, in FY20 and FY21 this PE provided funds to Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) now United States Space Force (USSF) for space threat testing. In FY22, Space threat funding was transferred to USSF.

The improvement and modernization (I&M) requirements are defined through the AF Test Investment Planning & Programming (TIPP) Process. All projects have been reviewed through the Tri-Service Reliance Process (to communicate AF efforts to the other services and avoid unwarranted duplication of effort) and are documented in the Technology Development Acquisition Program (TDAP) database. Each project has its own planning, development, equipment acquisition, equipment installation, and checkout phases which often require significant differences in funding from one year to the next. As such, the changes in category funding from year to year does not necessarily indicate program growth, but rather a planned phasing of I&M efforts. The test capabilities at these locations enable testing through all phases of weapon system acquisition, from system concept exploration through component and full-scale integrated weapon system test to operational test.

The 96 TW, at Eglin AFB FL, conducts and supports Developmental Test and Evaluation (DT&E) of non-nuclear air armaments; Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance (C4ISR) systems; target acquisition and weapon delivery systems; determines target/test item spectral signatures; and provides cyber testing capabilities as part of the Avionics Cyber Range (ACR).

The 412th Test Wing, at Edwards AFB CA, conducts and supports DT&E and Operational Test and Evaluation (OT&E) of aircraft and aircraft systems, aerospace research vehicles, unmanned aerial vehicles, cruise missiles, parachute delivery/recovery/systems, and cargo handling systems.

AEDC, at Arnold AFB TN, provides pre-flight reliability environmental test support for DoD aeropropulsion, flight systems, and space and missile programs. The center has 53 test facilities providing: aerodynamic testing of scale model aircraft, missiles, and space systems; testing of large and full-scale satellites, sensors, and space vehicles in a simulated space environment; altitude environmental testing for aircraft, missile, and spacecraft propulsion systems; testing of large-scale models such as space boosters together with their propulsion systems. This capability includes the world's largest climatic laboratory, the McKinley Climatic Laboratory at Eglin AFB, which provides controlled all-weather condition testing of full scale systems. The 704th TG at Holloman AFB, NM provides flight test and test support for joint, international and commercial customers in advanced avionics and weapons, inertial navigation systems, Global Positioning System (GPS) and other integrated aircraft and missile navigation systems. They test subsonic through hypersonic ground performance of aircraft and missiles in a flight-representative, highly instrumented

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<p>environment while also coordinating and scheduling all US Air Force test operations at White Sands Missile Range. The 704th TG OL-AC at Wright-Patterson AFB, OH provides independent developmental T&amp;E in support of aircraft survivability and evaluation of full-scale aircraft landing gear, tires and brakes. They also provide an independent capability for component qualification.</p> <p>In order to align the strategic capability goals set forth in the 2018 National Defense Strategy and the mission of the AFTC, program element funding has been assigned to these six mission area categories: T&amp;E Range Asset Modernization, Hypersonics, Directed Energy, Cyberspace and Avionics Cyber, Autonomy, and Space Test Infrastructure.</p> <p>1) T&amp;E Range and Test Asset Modernization refers to those capabilities required to acquire the ability to test long range, high-speed, highly-instrumented, high-data rate weapons in a crowded and restricted spectrum, while operating at multiple classification and cybersecurity levels. Also included in this mission area is the ability to collect, analyze and store big data and the ability to do multi-domain testing across the enterprise with realistic threat scenarios at multiple classification level up to Special Access Program (SAP).</p> <p>2) Hypersonics refers to the ability to test and evaluate flight-representative hypersonic engines, materials, warheads and fuzes in all portions of the employment envelope and conduct flight testing both in simulation and open-air ranges with sufficient space, telemetry, photo-optics and Time Space Position Information (TSPI) to appropriately inform decision-makers fielding such systems.</p> <p>3) Directed Energy/Electronic Combat acquires the ability to characterize irradiance and beam properties on aircraft, small UAVs and ground targets and create realistic environments to simulate adversary air defense capabilities in the year 2030. Enables 5th-6th generation weapon testing/tactics development in a threat-realistic Anti-Access Area Denial (A2AD) environment using a combination of indoor and open-air ranges.</p> <p>4) Cyberspace and Avionics Cyber is the advancement of cybersecurity/resiliency test capability for network, C4ISR, and airborne weapon platforms and includes development of tools, techniques and hardware-in-the-loop capabilities focused on cybersecurity and cyber-resiliency.</p> <p>5) Autonomy refers to the ability to test autonomous aerial and ground systems with hundreds of independent vehicles. Must be able to monitor system-under-test locations and states with the ability for soft and hard termination. Must develop techniques and processes to test systems with artificial intelligence.</p> <p>6) Space Test Infrastructure refers to the development of a Space Combined Test Force and the development of technical capabilities, both terrestrial and space-based assets, in order to deploy an initial level of ability to test and evaluate the capability and resilience of DoD Space systems in a contested environment.</p> <p>This program element may include necessary civilian pay expenses required to manage, execute, and deliver weapon system capability. The use of such programs funds would be in addition to the civilian pay expenses budgeted in program element 0605827F, 0605828F, 0605829F, 0605831F, 0605832F, 0605833F, 0605898F, 0606398F. In FY21 \$0.0M was expended for civilian pay expenses in this program element, and in FY22 \$0.0M is forecasted for civilian pay expenses in this program element.</p>		

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This program is in Budget Activity 6, RDT&E Management Support because this budget activity includes research, development, test and evaluation efforts and funds to sustain and/or modernize the installations or operations required for general research, development, test and evaluation.

<b>B. Program Change Summary (\$ in Millions)</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023 Base</b>	<b>FY 2023 OCO</b>	<b>FY 2023 Total</b>
Previous President's Budget	208.299	130.766	0.000	0.000	0.000
Current President's Budget	207.103	130.766	44.714	0.000	44.714
Total Adjustments	-1.196	0.000	44.714	0.000	44.714
• Congressional General Reductions	0.000	0.000			
• Congressional Directed Reductions	0.000	0.000			
• Congressional Rescissions	0.000	0.000			
• Congressional Adds	0.000	0.000			
• Congressional Directed Transfers	0.000	0.000			
• Reprogrammings	0.000	0.000			
• SBIR/STTR Transfer	-1.196	0.000			
• Other Adjustments	0.000	0.000	44.714	0.000	44.714

**Change Summary Explanation**

FY 2021: Decrease of \$1.196 million to reflect the annual reduction for SBIR.

FY 2023: The FY 2022 President's Budget submittal did not reflect FY 2023 through FY 2026 funding. Therefore, an explanation of the change between the two budget positions for FY2023 cannot be made in a relevant manner.

<b>C. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
<b>Title:</b> T&E Range and Test Asset Modernization	62.229	53.273	30.629
<b>Description:</b> Description: T&E Range and Test Asset Modernization refers to those capabilities required to acquire the ability to test long range, high-speed, highly-instrumented, high-data rate weapons in a crowded and restricted spectrum, while operating at multiple classification and cybersecurity levels. Ability to collect, analyze and store big data and ability to do multi-domain testing across the enterprise with realistic threat scenarios at multiple classification level up to Special Access Program (SAP).			
<b>FY 2022 Plans:</b> Continue planning and/or executing of the following programs: CRIIS Production, Network Telemetry Integration Program (NTIP) (formerly iSIS), Common Airborne Network Instrumentation System (CANIS), Modular Mission Control Room Upgrade (MMCRU), Voice Communication System Upgrade (VCSU), Improved C2 Test Operations Center (I - C2TOC), Airborne Sensor Data Correlation Project (ASDC), Improved Data Link HITLS - Gen 4 & 5, Multi-Level Security - Joint Collaborative Environment (MLS - JCE), Improve Plant Reliability and Efficiency/Transonic Aero Test Capability (IMTPC), Improve Large Model Supersonic			

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<b>C. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)</b>		<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
<p>Aerodynamic Ground T&amp;E Capability (ILMSC) [formerly Tunnel 16S Reactivation], Advanced Engine Requirements for Power and Thermal Loads, High-speed Small Engine Test Capability (HSETC) (previously ASMEC-II), and the Gulf Range Enhancement (GRE) project.</p> <p><b>FY 2023 Plans:</b> Continue planning and/or executing of the following programs: CRIIS Production, Network Telemetry Integration Program (NTIP) (formerly iSIS), Common Airborne Network Instrumentation System (CANIS), Cross Platform Data Center (CPDC), Modular Mission Control Room Upgrade (MMCRU), Multi-Level Security - Joint Collaborative Environment (MLS - JCE), Improve Plant Reliability and Efficiency/Transonic Aero Test Capability (IMTPC), and the Gulf Range Enhancement (GRE) project. Start projects such as the Next Generation Engineering Targets (OPTICAMS) and the Major cooling water capacity system upgrade at AEDC.</p> <p><b>FY 2022 to FY 2023 Increase/Decrease Statement:</b> Funding decreased to support other Air Force higher priorities.</p>				
<p><b>Title:</b> Hypersonics</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Hypersonics refers to the ability to T&amp;E flight-representative hypersonic engines, materials, warheads and fuzes in all portions of the employment envelope and conduct flight testing both in simulation and open-air ranges with sufficient space, telemetry, photo-optics and Time Space Position Information (TSPI) to appropriately inform decision-makers fielding such systems.</p> <p>The Department of Defense Test Resource Management Center (TRMC) oversees and manages all hypersonic test investment.</p> <p><b>FY 2022 Plans:</b> Continue planning and/or executing of the Imaging Improvement and Modernization Program (I2MP).</p> <p><b>FY 2023 Plans:</b> Continue planning and/or executing of the Imaging Improvement and Modernization Program (I2MP).</p> <p><b>FY 2022 to FY 2023 Increase/Decrease Statement:</b> Funding increased due to beginning phase of hypersonics investment project scheduled for FY24-FY27.</p>		1.338	1.338	2.300
<p><b>Title:</b> Directed Energy/Electronic Combat</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Directed Energy/Electronic Combat acquires the ability to characterize irradiance and beam properties on aircraft, small Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) and ground targets and create realistic environments to simulate adversary air defense capabilities in the year 2030. Enables 5th-6th generation weapon testing/tactics development in a threat-realistic Anti-Access Area Denial (A2AD) environment using a combination of indoor and open-air ranges.</p>		89.033	63.450	4.235

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<b>C. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)</b>		<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
<p><b>FY 2022 Plans:</b> Start of the Advanced Multispectral Development - Phase I (AMD-I) program and outfitting the JSE facilities.</p> <p><b>FY 2023 Plans:</b> Continue Planning/Executing of the Advanced Multispectral Development - Phase I (AMD-I) program and the final year of the JSE investment phase before the program moves to sustainment.</p> <p><b>FY 2022 to FY 2023 Increase/Decrease Statement:</b> Funding decreased \$58.9 million because JSE is currently in a transition phase from investment to sustainment with funding moving to Test and Evaluation Support, PE 65807F, in FY23.</p>				
<p><b>Title:</b> Cyberspace and Avionics Cyber</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Cyberspace and Avionics Cyber is the advancement of cybersecurity/resiliency test capability for network, C41SR and airborne weapon platforms and includes development of tools, techniques and hardware in the loop capabilities focused on cybersecurity and cyber-resiliency.</p> <p><b>FY 2022 Plans:</b> Equip the cyberspace facility and continue the planning and execution of the Weapon System Cybersecurity (WSCS) Program tool development.</p> <p><b>FY 2023 Plans:</b> Equip the cyberspace facility and continue the planning and execution of the Weapon System Cybersecurity (WSCS) Program tool development; Improved Data Link HITLS - Gen 4 &amp; 5; and Advanced Battle Management System Test Capability (ABMS)/ Joint All Domain C2 (JADC2) Test Capability.</p> <p><b>FY 2022 to FY 2023 Increase/Decrease Statement:</b> Funding decreased to support other higher Air Force priorities</p>		9.410	12.505	7.350
<p><b>Title:</b> Autonomy</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Autonomy refers to the ability to test autonomous aerial and ground systems with hundreds of independent vehicles. Must be able to monitor system-under-test locations and states with the ability for soft and hard termination. Must develop techniques and processes to test systems with artificial intelligence.</p> <p><b>FY 2022 Plans:</b> No planned projects but limited funding is available should an opportunity arise.</p> <p><b>FY 2023 Plans:</b></p>		0.200	0.200	0.200

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<b>C. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>	<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
No planned projects but limited funding is available should an opportunity arise.			
<b>FY 2022 to FY 2023 Increase/Decrease Statement:</b> NA			
<b>Title:</b> Space	44.893	0.000	0.000
<b>Description:</b> Space Test Infrastructure refers to the development of a Space Combined Test Force and the development of technical capabilities, both terrestrial and space-based assets, in order to deploy an initial level of ability to test and evaluate the capability and resilience of DoD Space systems in a contested environment.			
<b>FY 2022 Plans:</b> Space T&E funding has been transferred to Space Force PE, 1206759SF.			
<b>FY 2023 Plans:</b> Space T&E funding has been transferred to Space Force PE, 1206759SF.			
<b>FY 2022 to FY 2023 Increase/Decrease Statement:</b> Funding decreased due to Space T&E funding realignment to Space Force PE (-\$70.772M) and AF directed reduction for higher priorities.			
<b>Accomplishments/Planned Programs Subtotals</b>	207.103	130.766	44.714

<b>D. Other Program Funding Summary (\$ in Millions)</b>											
<u>Line Item</u>	<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2022</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Base</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>OCO</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>FY 2027</u>	<u>Cost To</u> <u>Complete</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
• RDTE 06 0605807F: <i>Test and Evaluation Support</i>	770.149	811.032	826.854	-	826.854	863.012	834.939	945.630	1,003.260	Continuing	Continuing
• RDTE 06 0605976F: <i>Facilities Restoration and Modernization - Test and Evaluation Support</i>	60.856	70.788	77.820	-	77.820	93.723	94.656	216.958	202.442	Continuing	Continuing
• RDTE 06 0605978F: <i>Facilities Sustainment - Test and Evaluation Support</i>	29.826	30.057	31.561	-	31.561	35.065	41.224	54.190	53.417	Continuing	Continuing
• RDTE 06 0604256F: <i>Threat Simulator Development</i>	56.987	41.909	21.067	-	21.067	16.771	20.272	42.567	48.711	Continuing	Continuing

**Remarks**

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**E. Acquisition Strategy**

N/A