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**Exhibit R-2, RDT&E Budget Item Justification:** PB 2021 Air Force **Date:** February 2020

<b>Appropriation/Budget Activity</b> 3620F: <i>Research, Development, Test &amp; Evaluation, Space Force I BA 6: RDT&amp;E Management Support</i>	<b>R-1 Program Element (Number/Name)</b> PE 1206860SF / <i>Rocket Systems Launch Program (SPACE)</i>
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COST (\$ in Millions)	Prior Years	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021 Base	FY 2021 OCO	FY 2021 Total	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	Cost To Complete	Total Cost
Total Program Element	-	0.000	0.000	17.993	0.000	17.993	21.074	20.502	19.039	19.388	Continuing	Continuing
661023: <i>Rocket System Launch Program (RSLP)</i>	-	0.000	0.000	17.993	0.000	17.993	21.074	20.502	19.039	19.388	Continuing	Continuing
Quantity of RDT&E Articles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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

In FY 2021, PE 1206860F, Rocket Systems Launch Program (SPACE) efforts were transferred to Appropriation 3620, Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Space Force, PE 1206860SF, Rocket Systems Launch Program (SPACE) from Appropriation 3600, Budget Activity 06 due to the creation of a new Appropriation for Space Force.

Rocket Systems Launch Program (RSLP) provides responsive space and Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) launch vehicle support to DoD and other government agencies using commercial launch systems and excess ballistic missile assets. The RSLP mission was established by the Secretary of Defense in 1972. The small launch program complements the National Security Space Launch (NSSL) program with multiple options to acquire dedicated spacelift and rideshare services for developmental, demonstration, and small operational space vehicles. It provides mission planning, payload integration, vehicle acquisition, processing, launch operations, booster storage and disposition, aging surveillance, maintenance and logistics support for selected DoD responsive space and RDT&E launches. Costs directly attributable to a specific launch or program (e.g., reliability of flight testing, maintenance of launch vehicle processing infrastructure) are paid by the user (Air Force, Space Force, Navy, Army, Missile Defense Agency (MDA), Defense Advanced Research Project Agency (DARPA), National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), etc.). RSLP maintains exclusive control of deactivated Minuteman and Peacekeeper assets used in testing to include refurbishment, transportation and handling, storage, aging surveillance, and launch services. RSLP also funds general research, development, prototyping, integration, and supplemental reliability of flight testing efforts for launch to enhance the reliability of the Minotaur and other fleet vehicles (e.g., updates to the Modular Mechanical Ordnance Destruct System).

Space acquisition must respond with speed and agility to emerging adversary threats. Space & Missile Systems Center (SMC) is transforming the organization and implementation of space acquisition to an enterprise approach, maximizing innovation and resiliency, leveraging international, commercial, and mission partnerships, and managing program/project priorities according to an integrated unclassified/classified enterprise space architecture. Expanding the appropriate acquisition authorities and contract mechanisms to deliver capability sooner, SMC will strategically execute experimentation, prototyping, risk reduction, and other efforts to develop new or repurpose capabilities.

This program element may include necessary civilian pay expenses required to manage, execute, and deliver Rocket Systems Launch weapon system capability. The use of such program funds would be in addition to the civilian pay expenses budgeted in program elements 1206392SF and 1206398SF.

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.

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<b>B. Program Change Summary (\$ in Millions)</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021 Base</b>	<b>FY 2021 OCO</b>	<b>FY 2021 Total</b>
Previous President's Budget	0.000	0.000	0.000	-	0.000
Current President's Budget	0.000	0.000	17.993	-	17.993
Total Adjustments	0.000	0.000	17.993	-	17.993
• 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	0.000	0.000			
• Other Adjustments	0.000	0.000	17.993	-	17.993

**Change Summary Explanation**

FY 2021: +\$17.993M; funds starting in FY 2021 were transferred from RDT&E, Air Force to RDT&E, Space Force.

<b>C. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)</b>	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
<p><b>Title:</b> Storage/Refurbishment/Flight Readiness/Demil</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Storage, refurbishment, inventory control, and demil/disposal of deactivated Minuteman, Peacekeeper and other missile flight test assets</p> <p><b>FY 2020 Plans:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>FY 2021 Plans:</b> Continue storage, refurbishment, inventory control, and demil/disposal of deactivated Minuteman, Peacekeeper and other missile flight test assets and perform research and development support operations as required. Investigate and develop shipping throughput capacity to maximize opportunity for motor disposal. Continue support activities to include but not limited to sustainment replacement and refurbishment of support equipment, mission support, special studies etc.</p> <p><b>FY 2020 to FY 2021 Increase/Decrease Statement:</b> N/A</p>	0.000	0.000	15.051
<p><b>Title:</b> Aging Surveillance</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Perform aging surveillance-related activities on stored motors</p> <p><b>FY 2020 Plans:</b></p>	0.000	0.000	2.142

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<b>C. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)</b>		<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2020</b>	<b>FY 2021</b>
N/A				
<p><b>FY 2021 Plans:</b> Continue performing aging surveillance-related activities on stored motors; continue performing analysis/studies to identify and evaluate potential safety-related issues affecting stored motors; continue program office support and related support activities such as, but not limited to mission support, special studies, etc.</p> <p><b>FY 2020 to FY 2021 Increase/Decrease Statement:</b> N/A</p>				
<p><b>Title:</b> Other Launch Support Services</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Perform launch services activities</p> <p><b>FY 2020 Plans:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>FY 2021 Plans:</b> Continue launch vehicle acquisition, processing, launch services support, mission assurance, reliability of flight and operations to launch RDT&amp;E payloads.</p> <p>Rapidly respond to implement system resiliency and situational awareness necessary to operate in the contested space domain. Activities may include, but are not limited to program office support, studies, technical analysis, prototyping, etc.</p> <p><b>FY 2020 to FY 2021 Increase/Decrease Statement:</b> N/A</p>		0.000	0.000	0.800
<b>Accomplishments/Planned Programs Subtotals</b>		0.000	0.000	17.993
<b>D. Other Program Funding Summary (\$ in Millions)</b>				
N/A				
<b>Remarks</b>				
<b>E. Acquisition Strategy</b>				
N/A				