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COST (\$ in Millions)	Prior Years	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024 Base	FY 2024 OCO	FY 2024 Total	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	Cost To Complete	Total Cost
Total Program Element	-	20.185	25.291	30.192	0.000	30.192	30.226	29.781	30.390	31.487	Continuing	Continuing
662617: <i>C6601Z</i>	-	20.185	25.291	30.192	0.000	30.192	30.226	29.781	30.390	31.487	Continuing	Continuing
Quantity of RDT&E Articles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification

The Space Test Program (STP) executes the annual DoD Space Experiments Review Board (SERB) process and consolidates requirements from Science and Technology (S&T) community in order to optimize space system missions and achieve maximum benefit of available resources. STP designs and executes missions to maximize launch mass to orbit, combines multiple flight experiments on suitable spacecraft, multiple spacecraft on available launch vehicles, and facilitates launch packages for government, commercial, and international partnerships. STP provides a cost-effective way to evaluate militarily relevant space flight experiments that:

- Demonstrate on orbit performance of new technologies to increase technology readiness level and validate research hypotheses for the S&T community
- Develop and mature future operational capabilities
- Advance operational tactics, techniques and procedures for future space and test capabilities
- Enable on-orbit experiments to support S&T
- Leverage national (e.g. DoD, commercial, and NASA) and international launch opportunities to increase space access for S&T efforts.

STP supports the Space Force efforts to define future system architectures that address emerging threats, enable resilient space capabilities, and employ tactical space operations to ensure freedom of operations in the space domain.

STP adheres to Executive Orders 10521 and 13185, and the requirement from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense Research and Engineering (OUSD R&E) to support research per DoD Instruction 3210.1, Administration and Support of Basic Research. In addition, the Deputy Secretary of Defense Space Test Program Management & Funding Policy, issued in July 2002, reaffirmed STP as the primary provider of spaceflight for the DoD space research community. The July 2002 policy statement also reaffirmed STP's role as the single manager for all DoD payloads on the International Space Station (ISS).

Space acquisition must respond with speed and agility to emerging adversary threats. Space Systems Command (SSC) has transformed 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, SSC will strategically execute experimentation, prototyping, risk reduction, and other efforts to develop new or repurpose existing capabilities.

This program element may include necessary civilian pay expenses required to manage, execute, and deliver STP 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.

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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. Program Change Summary (\$ in Millions)	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024 Base	FY 2024 OCO	FY 2024 Total
Previous President's Budget	20.881	25.366	30.256	0.000	30.256
Current President's Budget	20.185	25.291	30.192	0.000	30.192
Total Adjustments	-0.696	-0.075	-0.064	0.000	-0.064
• 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	-0.696	-0.075			
• Other Adjustments	0.000	0.000	-0.064	0.000	-0.064

Change Summary Explanation

FY 2022: -0.696 SBIR reduction

FY 2024: -0.199 to realign funding to APPN 3410, PE 1207804SF (SAG 13C), for fiscal policy compliance as Space Systems Command (SSC) establishes Headquarters functions and a Chief Information Office (CIO) for integrated cybersecurity.

C. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Title: Payload Integration	14.895	19.271	21.028
Description: Integrate payloads onto spaceflight missions on the full spectrum of DoD on-orbit R&D (e.g. space vehicle, free-flyer payloads, hosted payloads, etc.). Includes acquisition of associated spacecraft and integration hardware.			
FY 2023 Plans: Begin STP-5 planning, integration and design activities. Begin design for STPSat-8 acquisition (STEP 2.0 (Space Test Experiment Platform)). Conduct payload integration of STP-H9, STP-H10, STP-S27AD3, STP-S27VPC, STP-S28C, STP-28AR1, STPSat-7 and Queen's Jubilee. Begin design for future ISS missions. Conduct satellite acquisition and integration of STPSat-7 and its ground systems. Begin STP-H11 integration and design activities. Conduct STP-S29 technical analysis and payload integration rideshare. Initiate STP Small Launch STP-S30 (every 2 yrs) Mission Unique and Integration Costs. Collaborate on technical analysis and other future missions as required. Rapidly respond to implement system resiliency and situational awareness			

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C. Accomplishments/Planned Programs (\$ in Millions)		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
<p>necessary to operate in the contested space domain. Activities may include, but are not limited to program office support, studies, technical analysis, experimentation, prototyping, etc.</p> <p>FY 2024 Plans: Continue STP-5 planning, integration and design activities (Strontium Iodide Radiation Instrumentation III (SIRI-III), PNTOC, and SCO-1 payloads). Continue STPSat-8 integration and design activities (STEP 2.0 (Space Test Experiment Platform)). Conduct payload integration of STP-H9, STP-H10, and STP-28AR1. Begin design for future ISS missions. Complete satellite acquisition and integration of STPSat-7 and its ground systems. Complete STP-H11 design activities and begin integration activities. Conduct STP-S29 technical analysis and payload integration rideshare. Initiate STP Small Launch STP-S30 (every 2 yrs) Mission Unique and Integration Costs. Collaborate on technical analysis and other future missions as required. 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, experimentation, prototyping, etc.</p> <p>FY 2023 to FY 2024 Increase/Decrease Statement: FY 2024 increased due to initiating several activities. Program accomplishments transition from payload integration to launch to on-orbit ops. Each year, these requirements expand and contract within the overall budget as a function of the lifecycle of the programs.</p>				
<p>Title: Launch Vehicle and Launch Services</p> <p>Description: Purchase launch services, launch vehicles, and launch vehicle support for the full spectrum of DoD on-orbit R&D (e.g. space vehicle, free-flyer payloads, hosted payloads, etc.), enabling spaceflight worthiness and "Do No Harm" certification for Space Systems Command (SSC) and US Space Force (USSF) HQ.</p> <p>FY 2023 Plans: Continue to Support spaceflight worthiness and "Do No Harm" Certification. Execute STP-S28C, STP-28AR1, STP-H9, STP-S27AD3, STP-S27VPC and Queen's Jubilee small launch initiatives. Execute STP-5 medium launch initiative. Plan and complete technical analysis for commercial rideshare launch of DoD SERB experiments and International Space Access Review Board (ISARB) approved experiments. Continue STPSat-7 launch integration activities and conduct other launch integration activities as required.</p> <p>FY 2024 Plans: Continue to Support spaceflight worthiness and "Do No Harm" Certification. Execute STP-S29A, S29B, STP S28B, S28C, and other small launch initiatives as required. Continue STP-5 medium launch initiative. Plan and complete technical analysis for</p>		3.632	5.244	7.164

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commercial rideshare launch of DoD SERB experiments and International Space Access Review Board (ISARB) approved experiments. Conduct STPSat-7 and STP-H10 launch activities, and conduct other launch activities as required. FY 2023 to FY 2024 Increase/Decrease Statement: FY 2024 increased due to executing several initiatives. Program accomplishments transition from payload integration to launch to on-orbit ops. Each year, these requirements expand and contract within the overall budget as a function of the lifecycle of the programs.				
Title: On Orbit Satellite Operations Description: Execute first-year operations and operations support for STP-sponsored missions. FY 2023 Plans: Continue on-orbit operations for STP-H7, GARI (Gadolinium Aluminum Gallium Garnet Radiation Instrument), and SPIRRAL (Space Power InfraRed Regulation and Analysis of Lifetime). Continue on-going operations for ISS payloads and DoD SERB payloads as requested. Complete Mission Operations for STP-S28A, STP-S28B, STPSat-6, STP-H7, STP-H8, STP-27AD2. Prepare on-orbit operations for STP-H9, STP-S28C, STP-28AR1, STP-S27AD3, STP-S27VPC and Queen's Jubilee. FY 2024 Plans: Continue on-orbit operations for SPIRRAL (Space Power InfraRed Regulation and Analysis of Lifetime). Continue on-going operations for ISS payloads and DoD SERB payloads as requested. Complete Mission Operations for STP-H9, STP-S28A (RECURVE payload), STP-S28B (XVI payload), STP-S28C (EPIC Athena payload), STP-S28AR1, STP-27VPD (Coordinated Ionospheric Reconstruction Cubesat Experiment (CIRCE) and Experiment for Characterizing the Lower Ionosphere and Prediction of Sporadic-E (ECLIPSE) payloads)). Prepare on-orbit operations for STP-H10, STP-S29A, W/V-band Satellite Communications Experiment-Transponder (WSCE-T), and STPSat-7. FY 2023 to FY 2024 Increase/Decrease Statement: FY 2024 increased to support on-orbit missions. Program accomplishments transition from payload integration to launch to on-orbit ops. Each year, these requirements expand and contract within the overall budget as a function of the lifecycle of the programs.		1.658	0.776	2.000
Accomplishments/Planned Programs Subtotals		20.185	25.291	30.192
D. Other Program Funding Summary (\$ in Millions)				
N/A				
Remarks				

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E. Acquisition Strategy

N/A