











### Air Force Research Laboratory Space Vehicles Directorate













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### Directorate Highlights

Partnering Opportunities



Space Vehicles Directorate Mission

Develop and transition high payoff space technologies supporting the warfighter while leveraging commercial, civil and other government space capabilities to ensure America's advantage





Key Hanscom Kirtland

## Space Vehicles Directorate Funding



Increased collaboration with DARPA, NRO, and NASA





An Integrated Workforce of Military, Civilian, and On-Site Contractors



### Space Vehicles Directorate Facilities



#### FY98 Workspace

284,500 Sq Ft - Kirtland 370,000 Sq Ft - Hanscom





### **Space Vehicles Directorate** Strategic Thrusts Offense Current thrusts based on phased approach Negation to achieving Space Superiority Defense • Space Capability Protection Prevention Awareness Space-Based Surveillance Access to and Mobility in Space\* \* Covered under space capability protection thrust Today.....Future

### Space Vehicles Directorate Space Based Surveillance Thrust

Sense anything anywhere, anytime for perfect knowledge of the battlespace





#### All Weather, Day/Night Surveillance

- Undeniable, all weather surveillance
- Real-time operations
- Rapid global revisit any point on earth
- Detect Low Observables (LO) targets

Detection and Characterization of Hard Targets

- Counter Camouflage, Concealment and Deception (CCD)
- Positive ID
- Terrain characterization
- Battle Damage Assessment
- NBC detection





#### Long Dwell, Continuous Global Coverage

- Continuous coverage
- Weak signal collection
- Wide area coverage

**Current Capability: Limited Theater Surveillance** 



# Space Vehicles Directorate Space Capability Protection Thrust

#### Protect space systems from natural and man-made threats



#### **Hazard Alerts/Prediction**

- Threat Environment Modelling
- Environmental and Hazard Sensors
- RF and Laser Sensors/Alerts
- Ionospheric Monitoring

#### **Active Protection**

- On-orbit Manueverability
- Active Threat Control/Negation



#### **Passive Protection**

- Rad-Hard Electronics
- Charge Control Monitoring
- Debris Modelling
- Contamination

New dimension of protection - growing reliance on commercial systems

#### Space Vehicles Directorate Role in Access To and Mobility in Space Commensurate with National Policies and Priorities



- Expendable Launch Vehicles (USAF Lead)
   EELV Support
  - Transition to "Buy Launch Services"

Launch Isolation

- Reusable Launch Vehicles (NASA Lead)
  - Leverage NASA investment
  - Work Military Unique Requirements

Space Maneuver Vehicle



NASA X-Vehicle

- Advanced Technology Concepts (AFRL Lead)
  - On-Demand Launch of Nano Sats
  - Space Maneuver Vehicle
  - Solar Orbit Transfer Vehicle

National Goal: Affordable, Reliable, Access to Space



F15 Launch



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### Space Vehicles Directorate Traditional Industry Partnerships

215 Research Contracts \$757M Value

#### **OTHER CONTRACTOR PARTNERSHIPS**

Cooperative R&D Agreements (CRDAs)

- 75 Agreements (FY 1989-1999)

- Total Value of Resources: \$56M

**326 On-site contractors** 



### Space Vehicles Directorate What's a "Collaborator"?

- A technology partner that brings a value-added capability or product, not possessed by the host organization:
  - Core competency
  - Experience
  - Complementary technology
  - Unique facility
- Characterized by:
  - High national reputation
  - Focus on quality
- Resulting in partnership with AFRL's government S&T workforce
  - Joint activity with each partner having a vested interest in success
  - Mutually beneficial goals
  - Co-invested resources (cost-share/in kind share)
  - May or may not be on-site

...Not traditional "fee-for-service" contract



### Space Vehicles Directorate "Collaborator" Examples



### Space Vehicles Directorate "Concept Car" Model for Integrated Experiments

### LAB.....plus.....Industry.....

#### Lab Developed Breakthrough Technology



#### **Integrated Flight Experiment**

- Concept car approach
- Executed under lab revitalization authority
- Work Force 21 model Industry collaborator
- 50% 50% cost share
- Industry retains commercial rights for 5 years



#### **Revolutionary Capability**

• True multimission capability



Partnership Win-Win:

Laboratory successfully transitions technology industry partner gains winning edge



### Space Vehicles Directorate Space Industry Fellows

- Industry researchers work one year with AFRL researchers at AFRL Space Vehicles Directorate
- Includes Professional Enrichment Program
- Up to six will be chosen in 2000
- 50-50 Cost Share with industry



**On-Site industry/government collaboration** 



### Space Vehicles Directorate Space Scholars Program

- Undergraduate summer work program
- Graduate school scholarships
- Mentors assigned to students
- Close coordination with faculty advisors



**Nurture Our Future Aerospace Leaders** 

### Space Vehicles Directorate Potential Areas of New Collaboration



**Space Control** 



Power



### Structures & Control



**Space Weather** 



### Space Vehicles Directorate Collaborator POCs

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### The Space Vehicles Directorate is proactively pursuing innovative technologies and strategic partnerships leading to US space superiority in the 21st Century





