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PE TITLE: PREDATOR DEVELOPMENT/FIELDING

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Cost ($ in Millions)	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Estimate	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2009 Estimate	FY 2010 Estimate	FY 2011 Estimate	Cost to Complete	Total
Total Program Element (PE) Cost	82.113	64.081	61.466	46.052	37.602	39.402	40.450	Continuing	TBD
5143 Predator	82.113	64.081	61.466	46.052	37.602	39.402	40.450	Continuing	TBD

(U) A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification

The basic MQ-1/MQ-9 system consists of the aircraft, a control station, communications equipment, support equipment, simulator and training devices, Readiness Spares Packages (RSP), technical data/training, and personnel required to operate, maintain, and sustain the system. The system is designed to be modular and open-ended: mission-specific equipment is employed in a 'plug-and-play' mission kit concept allowing specific aircraft and control station configurations to be tailored to fit mission needs.

The MQ-1 Predator aircraft is a single-engine, propeller-driven, remotely piloted aircraft (formerly called unmanned aerial vehicle) designed to operate over-the-horizon at medium altitude for long endurance sorties. The aircraft is designed to provide real-time Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance, and Target Acquisition (ISR TA), and attack roles to aggressively prosecute Time Sensitive Targets (TST). The MQ-1 operates primarily at medium altitudes, integrating with joint aerospace, ground, and maritime forces as well as coalition and Allied forces, to execute combatant commander priority missions. The aircraft carries a Multi-spectral Targeting System (MTS) (a sensor turret that incorporates electro-optical (EO), Infra-Red (IR), laser designator, and IR illuminator) capable of transmitting real-time motion imagery throughout the operational theater. Additionally the aircraft is multi-configurable to carry either a synthetic aperture radar (SAR) or Hellfire laser-guided missiles. This program will continue to evolve and upgrade MQ-1 capabilities (to include signals intelligence) to meet emerging requirements and address Reliability and Maintainability (R&M) issues.

The MQ-9 Predator B aircraft is a single-engine, turbo-prop remotely piloted aircraft designed to operate over-the-horizon at medium-to-high altitude for long endurance sorties. The aircraft is being designed primarily to prosecute critical emerging TSTs as a radar-based attack asset with on-board hard-kill capability (hunter-killer) and also perform ISR TA as a secondary role. In the hunter-killer role, the aircraft will employ fused multi-spectral sensors to automatically find, fix, and track ground targets (Automatic Target Cueing (ATC)) and assess post-strike results. The MQ-9 is in continuing development and will field capability through incremental upgrades. The next step will be to develop and test a "baseline" capable system. The "baseline" development includes both a risk reduction phase, FY04 & FY05 Quick Reaction Capabilities, and a System Development & Demonstration (SDD) phase. Risk reduction started in FY03 and includes system design, drawings, specifications, and initial standardized (MIL-STD-1760) advanced weapons data bus efforts. The SDD effort began in FY05 and includes developing and testing the MQ-9's baseline capability. The baseline capability will include increasing the aircraft's gross take-off weight; enhancing aircraft systems to include integrated redundant avionics, ice detection capability, navigation system upgrades, electrical system upgrades, sensor/stores management computer, MIL-STD-1760 advanced weapons data bus, advanced sensor and weapons payloads, and improved human-machine interface; integrating standard "precision" weapons (GBU-12/38); hardware and software upgrades to the ground control station (GCS) for MQ-9 operations; completing airworthiness certification and accreditation; and producing applicable training devices that emulate aircraft capabilities. Subsequent upgrades will continue to evolve the MQ-9's capabilities to meet new requirements and address R&M issues.

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(U) B. Program Change Summary ($ in Millions)

		FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
(U)	Previous President's Budget	83.207	61.007	32.125
(U)	Current PBR/President's Budget	82.113	64.081	61.466
(U)	Total Adjustments	-1.094	3.074	
(U)	Congressional Program Reductions			
	Congressional Rescissions	-0.064	-0.926	
	Congressional Increases		4.000	
	Reprogrammings	-1.030		
	SBIR/STTR Transfer			

(U) Significant Program Changes:

$4M added in FY 06 Appropriation, $2.5M for Small Tactical UAVs for Battlefield Intelligence, Communications, and Atmospheric Data Collection; and $1.5M for additional Predator A capability

Air Force added funds in FY07-FY11 for development related to increasing Predator operational combat orbits as part of the Future Total Force

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Quantity of RDT&E Articles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

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	B. Accomplishments/Planned Program ($ in Millions)	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
(U)	MQ-9 Risk Reduction & Quick Reaction Capability. Includes initial integration of weapons, engine, power upgrades, and tech data.	30.846	4.000	
(U)	MQ-1/MQ-9 Pre-planned Product Improvement. Includes advanced capabilities (including multiple aircraft control/operations), engine and landing gear upgrades, sensor and radar development/integration, quick reaction capabilities, payload development/integration, weaponization and experimentation, data link upgrades (including encryption and tactical common data link (TCDL)), mission planning capability, simulator/training devices, and ground station and communication equipment development/upgrades.	21.806	9.374	22.226
(U)	MQ-9 System Development and Demonstration (SDD). Includes aircraft/GCS/Communication system improvements, development and integration of follow-on sensors, weapon and payload integration, test and training capability, technical data.	15.621	29.669	28.148
(U)	Continue reliability and maintainability efforts to ensure the continued viability of the MQ-1/MQ-9 aircraft, GCS, and associated communications equipment.	0.500	0.500	0.500
(U)	System Concept Studies	1.500	1.500	1.500
(U)	Developmental and Operational Test support. Includes SATCOM leases	5.400	5.038	2.792
(U)	Simulator/training device	5.000	10.000	5.000
(U)	Field support	1.440	1.500	1.300

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(U) B. Accomplishments/Planned Program ($ in Millions)

		FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
(U)	Small Tactical UAVs for Battlefield Intelligence, Communications, and Atmospheric Data Collection		2.500	
(U)	Total Cost	82.113	64.081	61.466

(U) C. Other Program Funding Summary ($ in Millions)

		FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Estimate	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2009 Estimate	FY 2010 Estimate	FY 2011 Estimate	Cost to Complete	Total Cost
(U)	Other APPN									
(U)	Aircraft Procurement, AF (PE 0305219F)	320.581	123.896	229.095	426.115	519.470	390.503	311.180	Continuing	TBD
(U)	Aircraft Modification, AF (PE 0305219F)	36.463	29.884	58.255	75.273	104.062	92.396	94.190	Continuing	TBD
(U)	Missile Procurement, AF (PE 0305219F)	34.325	37.856	65.312	65.237	64.707	81.548	37.365	Continuing	TBD

(U) D. Acquisition Strategy

Both the MQ-1 Predator and MQ-9 Predator B systems will be acquired sole-source with General Atomics-ASI as the prime contractor.

Exhibit R-3, RDT&E Project Cost Analysis

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(U) Cost Categories (Tailor to WBS, or System/Item Requirements) ($ in Millions)	Contract Method & Type	Performing Activity & Location	Total Prior to FY 2005 Cost	FY 2005 Cost	FY 2005 Award Date	FY 2006 Cost	FY 2006 Award Date	FY 2007 Cost	FY 2007 Award Date	Cost to Complete	Total Cost	Target Value of Contract
(U) Product Development												
General Atomics ASI (GA-ASI)	SS/CPIF/CPFF	GA-ASI Rancho Bernardo CA		71.097	Feb-05	45.973	Feb-06	52.716	Feb-07	Continuing	TBD	
Navy Crane	MIPR	Raytheon McKinney TX		1.250	Feb-05	1.250	Feb-06	1.250	Feb-07	Continuing	TBD	
ASC/YW	CPFF	Wright-Patterson AFB OH		5.000	Jun-05	10.000	Feb-06	5.000	Feb-07	0.000	20.000	
Subtotal Product Development			0.000	77.347		57.223		58.966		Continuing	TBD	0.000
Remarks:												
(U) Support												
ASC	SS/T&M	Various Wright-Patterson AFB OH		1.500	Feb-05	1.500	Feb-06	1.500	Feb-07	Continuing	TBD	
Subtotal Support			0.000	1.500		1.500		1.500		Continuing	TBD	0.000
Remarks:												
(U) Test & Evaluation												
Misc	Various	Various		3.266	Feb-05	5.358	Feb-06	1.000	Feb-07	Continuing	TBD	
Subtotal Test & Evaluation			0.000	3.266		5.358		1.000		Continuing	TBD	0.000
Remarks:												
(U) Total Cost			0.000	82.113		64.081		61.466		Continuing	TBD	0.000

Exhibit R-4, RDT&E Schedule Profile		DATE February 2006
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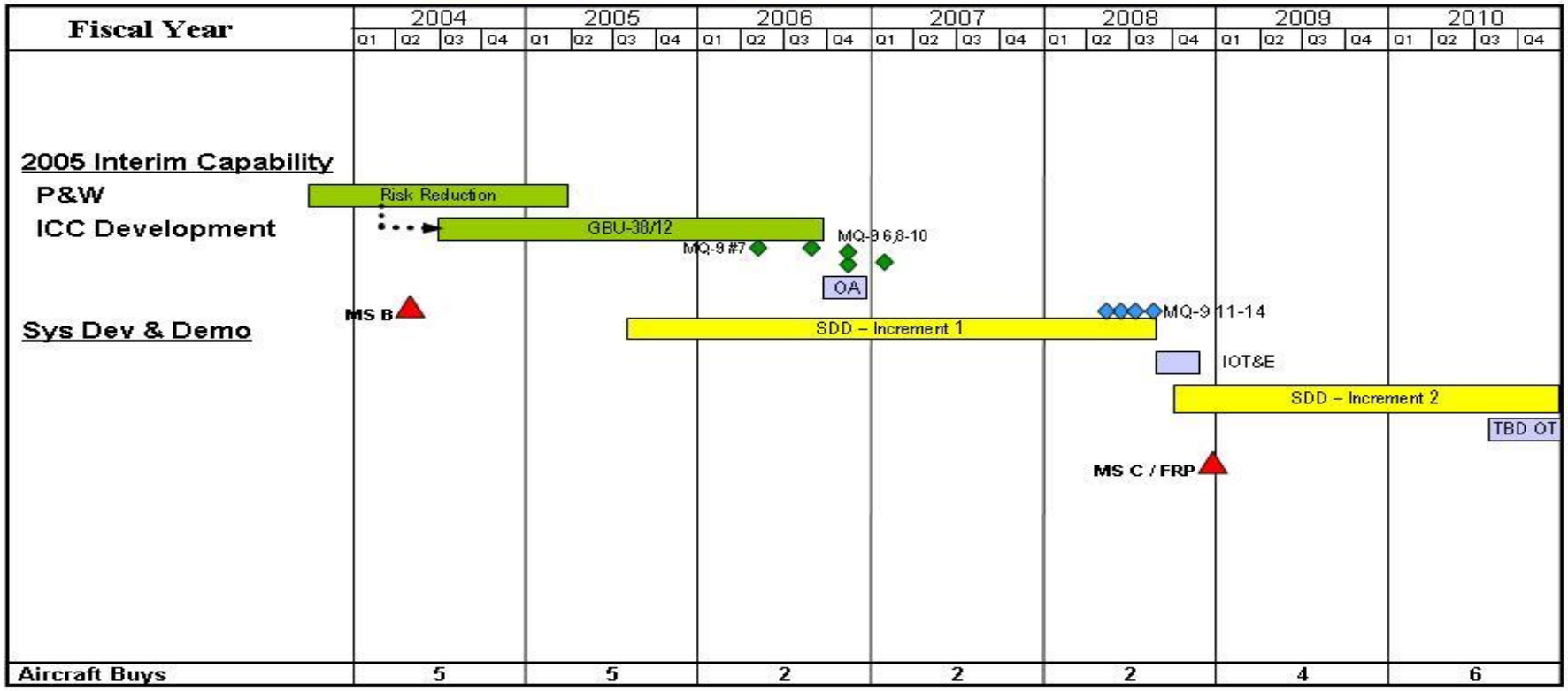
MQ-9 Program Plan

Dominant Air Power: Design For Tomorrow...Deliver Today



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MQ-1 Predator Schedule

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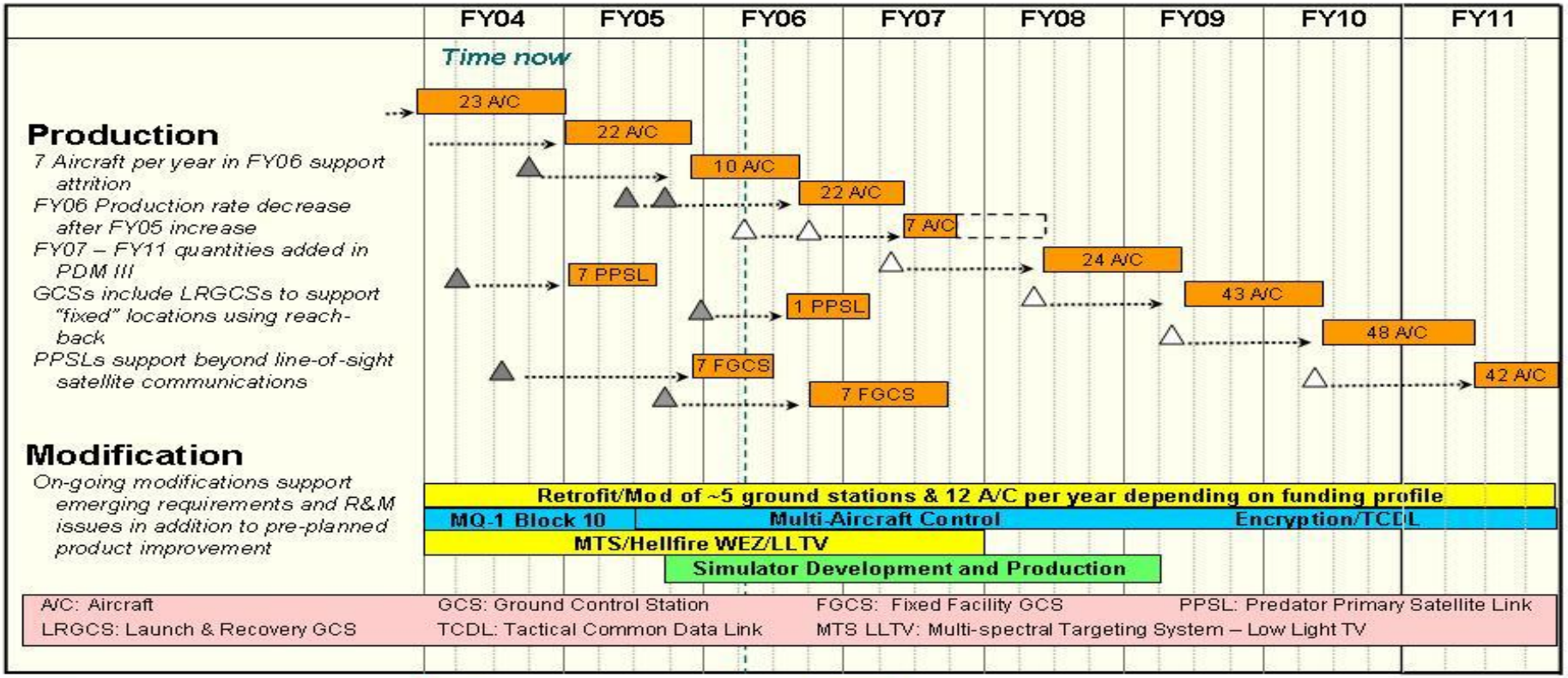

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(U) Schedule Profile	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
(U) MQ-9 Risk Reduction Complete	2Q		
(U) MQ-9 SDD Start	3Q		
(U) MQ-9 05 Quick Reaction Capability Complete		2Q	
(U) MQ-1 Simulator Development Start	3Q		