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COST ($ in Millions)	**Prior Years**	**FY 2016**	**FY 2017**	**FY 2018 Base**	**FY 2018 OCO**	**FY 2018 Total**	**FY 2019**	**FY 2020**	**FY 2021**	**FY 2022**	**Cost To Complete**	**Total Cost**
Total Program Element	-	13.245	20.975	14.269	0.000	14.269	14.330	14.596	14.849	15.153	Continuing	Continuing
674754: *RC-135 Systems*	-	13.245	20.975	14.269	0.000	14.269	14.330	14.596	14.849	15.153	Continuing	Continuing
Quantity of RDT&E Articles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification

The RC-135 operational systems development and enhancement activities support the design studies, engineering analysis, non-recurring engineering, and other efforts associated with the integration and modification of the RC-135 programs and their specialized mission systems, both air and ground. Associated ground systems include RIVET JOINT Mission Trainers (RJMT, a.k.a. mission crew simulators), Ground Data Processing Systems (GDPS), Distributed Mission Shelters (DMS), Mission Crew Training Systems (MCTS), Airborne Capabilities Extension System (ACES), and the Operational Flight Trainers (OFT, a.k.a. flight deck simulators). Extensive utilization of Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) based solutions allows rapid fielding of needed capabilities through upgrades and supports Diminishing Manufacturing Sources (DMS)/Vanishing Vendor Items (VVI) logistics mitigation efforts. The results of these efforts provide for preliminary assessments of technical feasibility, operability, or military utility as well as specific engineering implementations for integration into the various systems baseline configurations.

These activities are managed by the Air Force through the 645th Aeronautical Systems Group (645 AESG). The 645 AESG (a.k.a. BIG SAFARI Systems Program Office or SPO) manages engineering, ground and support systems modifications, integration, flight testing, product assurance, acceptance testing, logistics, and training activities.

Aircraft, sensor systems, and associated ground support system engineering planned for FY 2018 budget includes developmental planning, execution and support for the RC-135V/W RIVET JOINT Baselines 12 and 13 (BL-12 and BL-13), the RC-135U COMBAT SENT Baselines 5 and 6 (BL-5 and BL-6), and the RC-135S COBRA BALL BL-5 and BL-6 configurations. The world-wide challenge of keeping pace against technologically agile targets used by both nation and non-nation-state adversaries and the rapid evolution of COTS technologies demands a responsive and adaptive acquisition strategy for fielding incremental spiral upgrades and baseline capabilities that are logistically supportable at all locations. The 645 AESG uses an incremental baseline strategy to mitigate risk, find affordable solutions and field needed capabilities on the aircraft and associated ground support and training systems. Obsolescence and DMS/VVI logistical concerns are addressed with each baseline upgrade strategy and assessed annually as part of the fleet sustainment responsibilities.

RIVET JOINT BL-12 upgrades consist of, but are not limited to, increased digital signal exploitation, increased digital signal recorder bandwidth, enhanced spatial processing/exploitation, enhanced weather radar, digitally enhanced electronic flight instrument system (EFIS), continued Communications, Navigation and Surveillance/ Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) and Required Navigational Performance (RNP) compliant cockpit avionics enhancements, Air Force Distributed Common Ground System (AF-DCGS) interoperability, operator work station 3-D map projection, enhanced operator reporting management tools, modernized communications security (COMSEC) protocols, and a new steerable beam antenna. RIVET JOINT BL-13 upgrades consist of, but are not limited to, providing a continuous recording capability, Super Wideband Compressive Receiver (SWCR) and Nyquist Folding Receiver (NYFR), global air traffic management (GATM) avionics upgrades such as new autopilot,

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automated data system-broadcast (ADS-B) and Mode 5 identify friendly or foe (IFF) systems, and family of beyond-line-of-sight terminals (FAB-T) advanced extremely high frequency (AEHF) communications suite.

COMBAT SENT BL-5 upgrades consist of, but are not limited to, active ranging and theater networked geo-location (TNG) capability, cooling duct and lighting improvements, RJ Baseline 11 (BL-11) communications intelligence (COMINT), upgraded computer architecture, wideband global satellite (WGS) communications enhanced integration, development of an airborne tracking system, communications upgrade to include Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS-J), and continued CNS/ATM and RNP compliant cockpit avionics enhancements. COMBAT SENT BL-6 developmental enhancements consist of, but are not limited to, steerable beams for the COMINT sub-system, improved SWCR capability and specific emitter identification (SEI) electronic intelligence (ELINT) sub-system, Primary Sensor Measurement System (PRISMS) merge with manual precision collections, millimeter wave and low band capabilities with PRISMS, digitizing antennas, direction finding of High Frequency signals and expanded streaming audio services and 360 degree aircraft tracking system. BL-6 RDT&E is funded via PE 0305206G.

COBRA BALL BL-5 upgrades consist of, but are not limited to, RJ BL-11 COMINT, WGS communications enhanced integration, communications upgrades to include MIDS-J and an intercom system (FORCE), and continued CNS/ATM and RNP compliant cockpit avionics enhancements. COBRA BALL BL-6 developmental enhancements consist of, but are not limited to, high gain S-Band antenna, large format Sapphire windows, RJ BL-13 COMINT capability, foreign instrumentation signals intelligence (FISINT) analog to digital receiver, and Brave version of the digital cockpit avionics systems to continue CNS/ATM and RNP compliance initiatives. BL-6 RDT&E is funded via PE 0301314F.

Ground Systems Baseline upgrades add the capabilities found in the corresponding RIVET JOINT Baseline upgrades (i.e., RIVET JOINT BL-11 corresponds to Ground System BL-11, RIVET JOINT BL-12 corresponds to Ground System BL-12, RIVET JOINT BL-13 corresponds to Ground System BL-13) to the Ground Systems to ensure crews receive training on the appropriate mission system configurations.

Activities also include studies and analysis to support both current program planning and execution and future program planning.

This program is in Budget Activity 7, Operational Systems Development, because this budget activity includes development efforts to upgrade systems that have been fielded or have received approval for full rate production and anticipate production fielding in the current or subsequent fiscal year.

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B. Program Change Summary ($ in Millions)	**FY 2016**	**FY 2017**	**FY 2018 Base**	**FY 2018 OCO**	**FY 2018 Total**
Previous President's Budget	13.245	20.975	14.228	0.000	14.228
Current President's Budget	13.245	20.975	14.269	0.000	14.269
Total Adjustments	0.000	0.000	0.041	0.000	0.041
• 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	0.041	0.000	0.041

C. Accomplishments/Planned Programs ($ in Millions)	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Title: Manned Reconnaissance Systems	13.245	20.975	14.269
Description: Non-recurring engineering (NRE) for Baseline system developments and enhancements to improve mission capabilities of the RIVET JOINT BL-12 and BL-13, COMBAT SENT BL-5 and BL-6, COBRA BALL BL-5 and BL-6, and Ground Systems BL-11 and BL-12			
FY 2016 Accomplishments: • Continued Design Studies • Continued Engineering Analysis • Continued NRE and other efforts associated with the integration and modification of the RC-135 primary mission equipment • Continued Specialized Mission Systems development for the collection of both air and ground signals.			
FY 2017 Plans: Initiating new contracts to: • Continue Engineering Analysis • Continue NRE and other efforts associated with the integration and modification of the RC-135 primary mission equipment • Continue Specialized Mission Systems development for the collection of both air and ground signals.			
FY 2018 Plans: Will initiate new contracts to: • Continue Engineering Analysis • Continue NRE and other efforts associated with the integration and modification of the RC-135 primary mission equipment			

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C. Accomplishments/Planned Programs ($ in Millions)	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
• Continue Specialized Mission Systems development for the collection of both air and ground signals.			
Accomplishments/Planned Programs Subtotals	13.245	20.975	14.269

D. Other Program Funding Summary ($ in Millions)

Line Item	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018 Base	FY 2018 OCO	FY 2018 Total	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	Cost To Complete	Total Cost
• APAF: BA05: Line Item #DARP01: *RC-135*	165.715	211.438	201.559	0.000	201.559	184.779	188.189	191.658	195.496	Continuing	Continuing
• APAF: BA06: Line Item #DARP01: *Initial Spares/Repair Parts*	51.958	47.734	49.475	0.000	49.475	49.927	50.848	51.785	52.822	Continuing	Continuing
• OPAF: BA04: Line Item #846070: *DARP RC-135*	23.973	25.287	25.985	0.000	25.985	26.449	26.918	27.402	27.896	Continuing	Continuing
• RDTE: BA07: PE 0304260F: *Airborne SIGINT Enterprise*	43.046	39.756	59.706	0.000	59.706	50.958	41.002	42.513	43.383	Continuing	Continuing

Remarks

E. Acquisition Strategy

The RC-135 RIVET JOINT, COBRA BALL, and COMBAT SENT configured aircraft are maintained and kept technologically relevant through a baseline or incremental upgrade acquisition strategy. Technology upgrades and quick reaction capability (QRC) developments are acquired through the 645 AESG in accordance with the BIG SAFARI Program Management Directive (PMD) and Class Justification and Approval (J&A) document for acquisition of supplies and services using an "other than full and open competition" criteria. The supplies and services procured by 645 AESG satisfy National Security requirements (FAR 6.302-6) through the use of their standing J&A or address Unusual and Compelling Urgency requirements (FAR 6.302-2) through an individually prepared J&A supported by the BIG SAFARI Life Cycle Management Plan (LCMP) across the full spectrum of system life cycle management from developmental engineering to system retirement ("cradle to grave") support. Due to the ever changing threat and rapidly evolving electromagnetic combat environment encountered during our prolonged commitment to Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) and the global war on terrorism, the acquisition program manager has the authority to redirect funding as necessary to meet current stated and emerging Combatant Command (CCMD) and/or Intelligence Community (IC) requirements to better meet the war fighting objectives.

F. Performance Metrics

Please refer to the Performance Base Budget Overview Book for information on how Air Force resources are applied and how those resources are contributing to Air Force performance goals and most importantly, how they contribute to our mission.

Exhibit R-3, RDT&E Project Cost Analysis: FY 2018 Air Force			Date: May 2017
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Product Development ($ in Millions)

Cost Category Item	Contract Method & Type	Performing Activity & Location	Prior Years	FY 2016 Cost	FY 2016 Award Date	FY 2017 Cost	FY 2017 Award Date	FY 2018 Base Cost	FY 2018 Base Award Date	FY 2018 OCO Cost	FY 2018 OCO Award Date	FY 2018 Total Cost	Cost To Complete	Total Cost	Target Value of Contract
Operational Systems Development	SS/ Various	L-3 Technologies : Greenville, TX	-	13.245	Dec 2015	20.975	Dec 2016	14.269	Dec 2017	0.000		14.269	Continuing	Continuing	-
		Subtotal	-	13.245		20.975		14.269		0.000		14.269	-	-	-

Remarks

All activity is based around the Programmed Depot Maintenance (PDM) airframe and missions systems schedule which includes multiple contracts and organizations with overlapping and continuous periods of performance. Due to the rapidly changing threat environment encountered during our prolonged commitment to Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO), the acquisition program manager has the authority to redirect funding as necessary to meet current stated and emerging Combatant Command (CCMD) and/or Intelligence Community (IC) requirements.

Support ($ in Millions)

Cost Category Item	Contract Method & Type	Performing Activity & Location	Prior Years	FY 2016 Cost	FY 2016 Award Date	FY 2017 Cost	FY 2017 Award Date	FY 2018 Base Cost	FY 2018 Base Award Date	FY 2018 OCO Cost	FY 2018 OCO Award Date	FY 2018 Total Cost	Cost To Complete	Total Cost	Target Value of Contract
		Subtotal	-	-		-		-		-		-	-	-	-

Test and Evaluation ($ in Millions)

Cost Category Item	Contract Method & Type	Performing Activity & Location	Prior Years	FY 2016 Cost	FY 2016 Award Date	FY 2017 Cost	FY 2017 Award Date	FY 2018 Base Cost	FY 2018 Base Award Date	FY 2018 OCO Cost	FY 2018 OCO Award Date	FY 2018 Total Cost	Cost To Complete	Total Cost	Target Value of Contract
		Subtotal	-	-		-		-		-		-	-	-	-

Management Services ($ in Millions)

Cost Category Item	Contract Method & Type	Performing Activity & Location	Prior Years	FY 2016 Cost	FY 2016 Award Date	FY 2017 Cost	FY 2017 Award Date	FY 2018 Base Cost	FY 2018 Base Award Date	FY 2018 OCO Cost	FY 2018 OCO Award Date	FY 2018 Total Cost	Cost To Complete	Total Cost	Target Value of Contract
		Subtotal	-	-		-		-		-		-	-	-	-

	Prior Years	FY 2016		FY 2017		FY 2018 Base		FY 2018 OCO		FY 2018 Total	Cost To Complete	Total Cost	Target Value of Contract
Project Cost Totals	-	13.245		20.975		14.269		0.000		14.269	-	-	-

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	Prior Years	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018 Base	FY 2018 OCO	FY 2018 Total	Cost To Complete	Total Cost	Target Value of Contract

Remarks

Exhibit R-4, RDT&E Schedule Profile: FY 2018 Air Force		Date: May 2017
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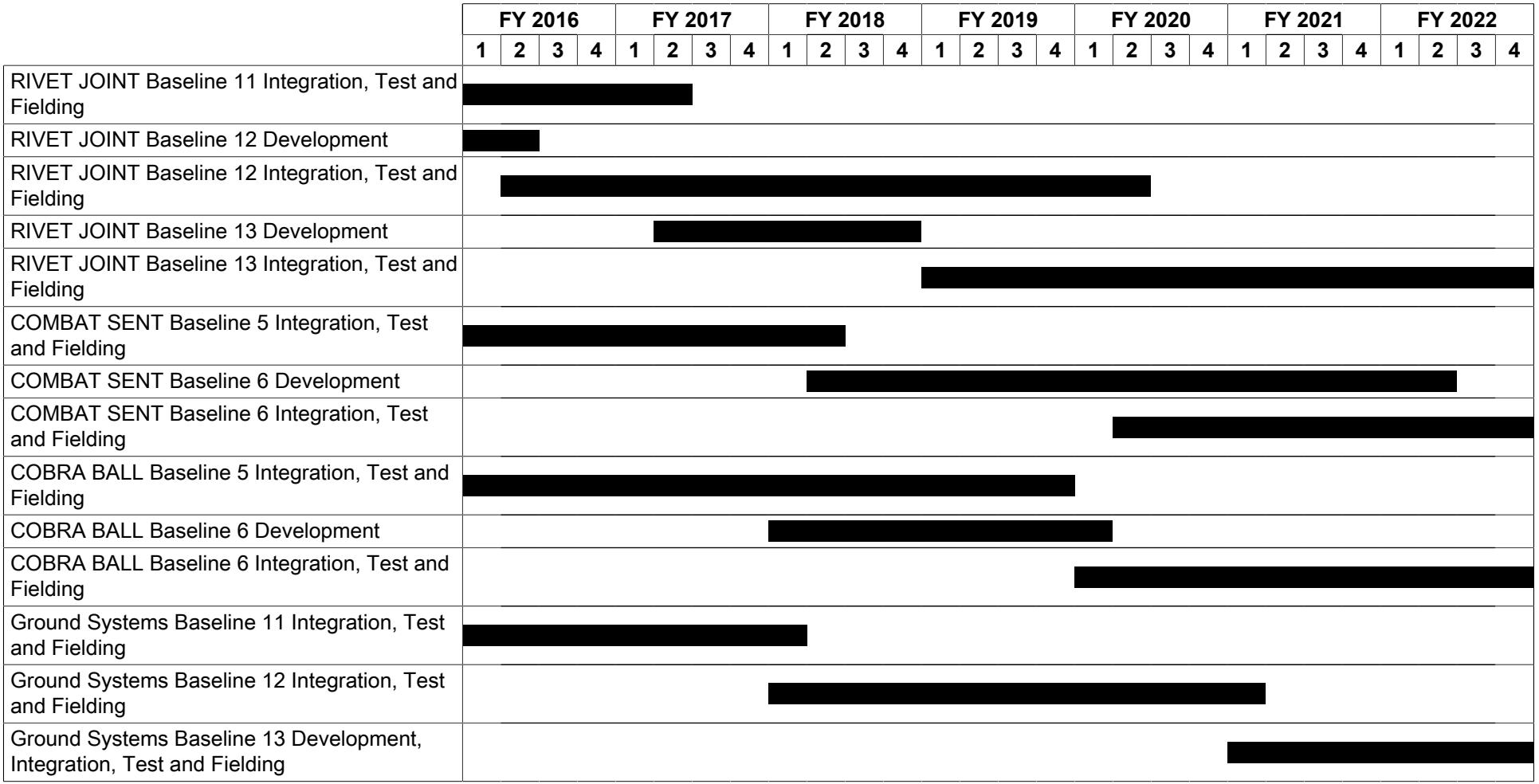

Exhibit R-4A, RDT&E Schedule Details: FY 2018 Air Force		Date: May 2017
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Schedule Details

	Start		End	
Events	**Quarter**	**Year**	**Quarter**	**Year**
RIVET JOINT Baseline 11 Integration, Test and Fielding	1	2016	2	2017
RIVET JOINT Baseline 12 Development	1	2016	2	2016
RIVET JOINT Baseline 12 Integration, Test and Fielding	2	2016	2	2020
RIVET JOINT Baseline 13 Development	2	2017	4	2018
RIVET JOINT Baseline 13 Integration, Test and Fielding	1	2019	4	2022
COMBAT SENT Baseline 5 Integration, Test and Fielding	1	2016	2	2018
COMBAT SENT Baseline 6 Development	2	2018	2	2022
COMBAT SENT Baseline 6 Integration, Test and Fielding	2	2020	4	2022
COBRA BALL Baseline 5 Integration, Test and Fielding	1	2016	4	2019
COBRA BALL Baseline 6 Development	1	2018	1	2020
COBRA BALL Baseline 6 Integration, Test and Fielding	1	2020	4	2022
Ground Systems Baseline 11 Integration, Test and Fielding	1	2016	1	2018
Ground Systems Baseline 12 Integration, Test and Fielding	1	2018	1	2021
Ground Systems Baseline 13 Development, Integration, Test and Fielding	1	2021	4	2022

Note

Ground systems include the RIVET JOINT Mission Trainers (RJMT), Mission Crew Training Systems (MCTS), Ground Data Processing System (GDPS), Modular Processing System (MPS), Airborne Capabilities Extension Systems (ACES) and Operational Flight Trainers (OFT). Baseline upgrades are determined by the aircraft programmed depot maintenance schedule. Hardware, firmware or software enhancements to the ground systems are set up to match the aircraft baseline upgrades. Typically, baseline configuration changes and enhancements are incorporated first into the RJMTs and OFTs, and then integrated into GDPS, MCTS, MPS, and ACES. Delivery of the enhancements to the RJMTs and OFTs are planned to arrive concurrently, if not slightly prior, to the delivery of the first aircraft with an upgraded cockpit or mission system in a given baseline configuration to allow for aircrew and ground personnel training and qualification.