

**Media Pick-up Report for
Aviation Week's A&D Technology & Requirements (ADTR) Conference 2011**

As of February 22, 2011

Summary:

On February 16-17, 2011, Aviation Week held its annual A&D Technology & Requirements Conference (ADTR) in Washington, DC, attracting more than 200 senior defense executives from business, military, and government agencies to discuss the U.S. Department of Defense's spending plans, priority programs, new technologies, and military requirements.

A mainstay for defense planning and discussion, the conference featured top DOD officials, including Ashton Carter, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics; General Joseph F. Dunford, Jr., Assistant Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps; Admiral Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations; and Robert Work, Under Secretary of the Navy. These prominent speakers attracted significant media attention, with 40 media representatives registered for the conference.

For media in attendance and those who were not, two media alerts were issued, including an email pitch on December 2 and an event press release on Feb. 10. Twitter was also used to publish breaking news from the event (@aviationweek and #AWADTR).

As a result, the conference drew heavy media pick-up, including 112 articles in top-tier and trade publications, as outlined below.

List of Registered Media:

- John Bennett, The Hill
- Tony Bertuca, Inside the Army
- Kate Brannen, Defense News
- Michael Bruno, Aviation Week
- Andrew Burt, Inside the Navy
- Amy Butler, Aviation Week
- McKinley Cartwright, Defense Media Activity- Navy/Pentagon Channel
- Chris Castelli, Inside the Pentagon
- Shirley Collier, DoD Technology
- Amber Corrin, 1105 Government Information Group
- Jennifer DiMascio, Politico
- John Donnelly, Congressional Quarterly
- Sandra Erwin, National Defense Magazine
- Mike Fabey, Aviation Week
- Dave Fulghum, Aviation Week
- Jim Garamone, American Forces Press Service
- Patrick Gearhiser, Defense Media Activity – Navy/Pentagon Channel
- Scott Hamilton, Leeham News and Comment
- Ed Hazelwood, Aviation Week
- David Lerman, Bloomberg News
- Natalie Liu, Voice of America
- Dave Majumdar, Defense News
- Bill Matthews, Government Executive Magazine
- Paul McLeary, Aviation Week

- Paul Merrion, Crain's Chicago Business
- Jordana Mishory, Inside the Pentagon
- Carlo Munoz, Defense Daily
- Karen Parrish, Defense Media Activity
- Jonathan Raviv, Citi Investment Research
- John Reed, DoD Buzz/Military.com
- Douglas Rothacker, Bloomberg
- Andrea Shalal-Esa, Reuters
- Sebastian Sprenger, Inside Washington Publishers
- Cid Standifer, Inside the Navy
- Gabe Starosta, Inside the Air Force
- Bill Sweetman, Defense Technology International
- Dan Taylor, Inside the Navy
- Tony Velocci, Aviation Week
- Graham Warwick, Aviation Week
- Marcus Weisgerber, Defense News

Articles:

This pickup report includes links and summaries for 112 articles gathered from several media monitoring services: Factiva, Vocus and Google.

[Reuters Daybook](#)

Reuters Washington Daybook Report, 18:37, 15 February 2011, 7231 words , (English)

...GENERAL NEWS EVENTS - 8 a.m. -- (DEFENSE/AVIATION) CONFERENCE -- **Aviation Week holds an "Aerospace and Defense Technology Requirements" conference.** Highlights: 8 a.m.: Defense Undersecretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Ashton Carter speaks. 9:15 a.m.: Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead speaks. 4:30 p.m.: Defense Undersecretary Comptroller Robert Hale speaks. Location: Hilton Embassy Row, 2015 Massachusetts Avenue NW. Contact: Jeff Meredith, 202-383-3523...

Also in:

- [Major Daybook](#)
- [Financial Daybook](#)
- [Diplomatic Daybook](#)
- AP Alert DC Daybook
- FIND Washington Daybook

[Military News: Today in the Department of Defense, Wednesday, February 16, 2011](#)

By Sergeant Zachary J. Foster, Military News, 16 February

Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Michael G. Mullen testify at a hearing of the House Armed Services Committee on the 2012 Budget Request for the Department of Defense at 10 a.m. EST in room 2118, Rayburn House Office Building...Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Ashton Carter delivers remarks at 8 a.m. EST at **Aviation Week Aerospace and Defense Technology Requirements Conference** about "Improving Affordability and Productivity in Weapon Systems Development and Procurement" at the Hilton Embassy Row, 2015 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. Media interested in attending should contact Jeff Meredith at 202-383-3523. Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead delivers remarks at 9:15 a.m. EST at the **Aviation Week Aerospace and Defense Technology Requirements Conference** at Hilton Embassy Row, 2015 Massachusetts Ave. NW Washington, D.C. Media interested in attending should contact Jeff Meredith at 202-383-3523. Under Secretary of Defense Comptroller Robert Hale to give Keynote address at 4:30 p.m. EST at **Aviation Week's Aerospace and Defense Technology and Requirements Conference** regarding the defense budget at the Hilton Embassy Row...

[UPDATE 2-US House scraps FY11 funding for F-35 engine](#) - **RECOMMENDED**

Reuters News, Andrea Shalal-Esa, 10:18, 16 February 2011, 605 words , (English)

* US House lawmakers vote 233-198 to stop funding * Pentagon says alternate engine won't create savings * Republicans trying to cut \$61 bln from federal spending. (Updates throughout with House vote). The U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday voted to eliminate funding for a second engine for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter that the Pentagon has called an "unnecessary and extravagant expense." The House voted 233 to 198 to approve an amendment that will halt \$450 million in fiscal 2011 funding for the engine being developed by General Electric and Britain's Rolls-Royce as an alternate to an engine built by United Technologies Corp unit Pratt & Whitney...Pentagon acquisition chief Ashton Carter on Wednesday underscored his opposition, telling industry executives that Pentagon assessments had concluded that funding the second engine now would not pay off in the long run. "This isn't a philosophical matter," the Pentagon's chief weapons buyer told a **conference hosted by Aviation Week** on Wednesday. "It's a cold analytical judgment that the large...cost of preparing a second engine for completion will not in any way, that we can demonstrate, be paid over the long term..."

Also in:

- [CNBC](#)
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- [Sharenet.co.za](#)

[House ignores Obama spending veto threat](#) - **RECOMMENDED**

Reuters/MSNBC.com, Richard Cowan, 16 February

Republicans in the Congress on Wednesday pressed ahead with legislation to immediately slice \$61 billion from domestic programs, but so far showed little appetite for paring one of the biggest chunks of the budget -- military spending... The Pentagon's chief weapons buyer, Undersecretary Ashton Carter, told a **conference hosted by Aviation Week** that it was a "cold analytical judgment" that money spent now on the engine would not pay off in the long run. The House vote on eliminating the spare engine is expected to be close as many lawmakers try to protect defense-related jobs in their home districts...

Also in:

- [Yahoo! News](#)
- [Fox Business Network](#)
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- [Forexyard.com](#)
- [ForexPros.com](#)

[Defense comptroller: Military wants '80 to 100' new bombers](#) - **RECOMMENDED**

The Hill, John Bennett, 02/16/11 06:03 PM ET

The Defense Department could purchase up to 100 models of a new bomber aircraft, Pentagon Comptroller Robert Hale revealed on Wednesday. "We want to buy 80 to 100 new bombers," Hale said, "not just 20." That means the Air Force and industry "will have to keep costs down," the comptroller said during a **conference in Washington sponsored by Aviation Week magazine...**

Also in:

- [All Voices](#)

[Carter on Mergers: We're Watching](#) - **RECOMMENDED**

DOD Buzz, John Reed, February 16, 2011 11:50 am

Ashton Carter, the Pentagon's top weapons buyer today emphasized that the DoD will not condone defense industry mergers done for the sake of short term profit over the long term health of the defense industrial base; warning that the Pentagon will keep a close watch on future mergers and acquisitions to ensure they result in long-term good. Free "market forces will undoubtedly lead to an uptick in the volume of [mergers and acquisitions] and this is normal," said Carter during a speech at an **Aviation Week-sponsored conference** in Washington. "For our part, the Defense Department welcomes these adjustments and the need to create overall efficiency. But we require transparency when it comes to all contemplated transactions; we will examine these transactions to ensure the department's long term interests in a robust and competitive industrial base are not dominated in the near term for one time proposed savings. The potential for organizational conflicts of interests should be avoided and that we have full visibility of the restructuring costs." Carter was expanding on comments he made during a speech in New York last week...

[All Hands Update](#) - **RECOMMENDED**

Navy.mil, 16 February 2011

Gearhiser: Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Gary Roughead spoke at the Aviation Week Aerospace & Defense Technology and Requirements Conference in Washington DC February 16. The CNO touched on several topics including the current state of the Navy and the purpose of the Navy in the overall defense of the nation.

Roughead: What the Navy does and what we have done for decades is that we provide the Commander in Chief an offshore option. We are able to be in places; we are able to move to places; where we do not have to request or need a footprint ashore.

Gearhiser: From Washington, I'm Petty Officer Patrick Gearhiser.



[USAF Could Award KC-X Contract by End of Feb.](#)

Defense News, Dave Majumdar, 16 Feb 2011 20:03

The U.S. Air Force will award the contract for the long-running KC-X tanker contract before the end of the month, two senior defense officials said. "We'll roll-off the KC-X, hopefully, at the end of this month," said Maj. Gen. David Scott, U.S. Air Force director of operational capability requirements at an **aerospace and defense conference hosted by Aviation Week** on Feb. 16. Less than 20 minutes later at the same conference, Pentagon Comptroller Robert Hale echoed Scott's words. "We're asking for \$900 million for the KC-X tanker, hopefully to make an award within the month," Hale said...

Also in:

- [Air Force Times](#)

[USAF to Industry: Bomber Must Be Affordable](#)

Defense News, Dave Majumdar, 16 Feb 2011 22:15

The U.S Air Force will not purchase the Long Range Strike family of systems, which includes a new optionally manned penetrating stealth bomber, if it is not affordable, a senior service official warned industry on Feb. 16. "If it is not affordable, we're not going to buy it, and it's going to just fall off the wayside like it has at a different time two years ago," Maj. Gen. David Scott, director of operational capability

requirements, told an **aerospace and defense conference hosted by Aviation Week**. What the Air Force is not looking for is a "Battlestar Galactica," of which the service can afford only one, he said. The Air Force needs a plane it can buy in numbers, Scott emphasized. "We cannot price ourselves out of a next generation penetrating bomber," he said. The service hopes to purchase between 80 and 100 planes. Further, he added that the service would not explain many of the details of the new program. Those details would remain "highly classified," he said. However, Scott said the aircraft would have "trade space" for future upgrades. Over the course of the production run, the bomber would be incrementally upgraded to keep it on par technologically to defeat emerging threats. Despite this, the aircraft would not be built in Blocks, Scott said. Scott did say the aircraft would offer fused sensors similar in concept to the F-35. It is necessary to keep the aircraft modern because the jet might remain in service anywhere from between 50 years to 80 years. "So the first one that comes out will be a little different from the last one that comes out," Scott said...

[Defense acquisition chief foresees more industry mergers](#)

NextGov.com, William Matthews, Feb 16, 2011

As a decade-long defense spending spree comes to an end, senior Pentagon officials foresee a new round of defense company mergers and acquisitions, the military's chief weapons buyer said Wednesday. But the Pentagon probably won't permit mergers between major weapons makers, Ashton B. Carter, undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics told a defense contractors conference. The Defense Department still believes competition remains "the key driver of productivity and value," Carter said, so it is unlikely to approve mergers, for example, between the few remaining giants that build aircraft or ships... "We will promote policies that provide for long-term innovation, efficiency, profitability and productivity growth for the defense industry," said Carter, who spoke at **a defense requirements conference sponsored by Aviation Week**. As other senior defense officials have in recent weeks, Carter warned the lack of increased spending under the continuing resolution poses a crisis for the Pentagon. Spending is stuck at the 2010 level -- \$526 billion for the base budget -- at least until March 4, when the current continuing resolution expires...

[Acquisition Chief Urges Congress to Pass 2011 Appropriation - RECOMMENDED](#)

American Forces Press Service/Department of Defense Documents, Jim Garamone, 16 February 2011

The Defense Department's chief acquisition officer today added his voice to calls for Congress to approve the DOD appropriations bill for fiscal 2011. Speaking at **Aviation Week's Defense Technology and Requirements Conference** here, Ashton B. Carter -- undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics -- also called for flexibility to get warfighters the equipment they need quickly. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates has called for more than a month for Congress to pass the appropriations bill. If the department is forced to operate under a continuing resolution for the rest of fiscal 2011, it would mean an unanticipated cut of \$23 billion. On Feb. 14, Gates called on Congress to pass a bill giving DOD \$540 billion for fiscal 2011. "It's Feb. 16, and we don't have an appropriations bill for the department for fiscal '11," Carter said. "Each and every program manager in the department is having to upset carefully calibrated plans, stop or slow activities only to start them later, or deferring the commencement of important new programs. "The result is not only delay," he continued. "It's inefficient and uneconomical to proceed in this herky-jerky fashion with our programs and procurements..."

Also in:

- [States News Service](#)
- [Defence Professionals](#)
- [Aerotech News and Review](#)
- [Elites TV](#)

[Science chief charts future technologies](#)

American Forces Press Service/Army.mil, Jim Garamone, Feb. 16, 2011

No one argues with the notion that the quality of its people makes the U.S. military the best in the world. But the equipment servicemembers carry and the science backing them up are another reason for U.S. military pre-eminence, said Zack Lemnios, assistant secretary of defense for research and engineering. Lemnios gave an overview of the Defense Department's science and technology effort at **Aviation Week's Defense Technology and Requirements Conference** here today. The United States needs a stronger,

more vibrant and reshaped defense industrial base, Lemnios said, and the nation must understand what lies ahead for science and technology and where to make investments...

Also in:

- [DOD Documents](#)
- [States News Service](#)
- [Defense-Aerospace.com](#)
- [Defence Professionals](#)
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[Reuters Daybook](#)

Reuters Washington Daybook Report, 7:33, 17 February 2011, 8839 words , (English)

GENERAL NEWS EVENTS – MORNING - 8 a.m. -- (DEFENSE/AVIATION) CONFERENCE – **Aviation Week holds an "Aerospace and Defense Technology Requirements" conference.** Second and final day. Highlights: 8:50 a.m.: Navy Undersecretary Robert Work speaks. 10:40 a.m.: Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Lt. Gen. William Phillips speaks. 11:20 a.m.: Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Maj. Gen. James Poss speaks. Noon: Deputy Undersecretary of the Air Force for Space Programs Richard McKinney speaks. Location: Hilton Embassy Row, 2015 Massachusetts Avenue NW Contact: Jeff Meredith, 202-383-3523...

Also in:

- [Major Daybook](#)
- [The Washington Daybook/Agence France-Presse](#)
- AP Alert DC Daybook

EASIER ACQUISITION

Aviation Week's Aerospace Daily & Defense Report, Michael Bruno, Feb. 17, 2011

The Pentagon's plans for more stable buys of satellites and rockets is a prime example of how the Defense Department is seeking better buying power in its annual purchasing, acquisition chief Ashton Carter said Feb. 16 at **Aviation Week's A&D Technology and Requirements** conference in Washington. Carter noted how the Evolutionary Acquisition for Space Efficiency (Ease) plan for AEHF and Sbir satellites will help smooth out production, reaping lower long-term costs for the Pentagon.

[Not So Happy Gilmore](#)

Aviation Week's Ares Defense Technology Blog, Bill Sweetman, 2/17/2011 7:10 AM CST

Better development testing would avert many program disasters, Pentagon director of operational test and evaluation Dr Michael Gilmore said at the **Aviation Week/Defense Technology International Aerospace & Defense Technology and Requirements (DTAR)** conference in Washington on Wednesday. Gilmore is relatively new to the job - which was established in the 1980s by Congress and reports directly to Capitol Hill - but he remarked today that "in one and a quarter years I have seen many interesting things found in operational testing that should have been found in development testing." More DT, Gilmore said, "would actually result in quicker acquisition. Not as quick as we plan to do," he added, but more quickly that what is usually accomplished...

[DoD, White House Say No to Continuing Resolution; Veto Threatened](#)

ExecutiveGov, Jack Moore, Feb 17, 2011

New voices have entered the fray, calling for Congress to pass a 2011 spending bill instead of a continuing resolution, which would threaten to disrupt the Defense Department's funding and result in a cut of \$23 billion. Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics Ashton Carter urged Congress to pass this fiscal year's long-delayed appropriations bill and warned of what the consequences would be. "Each and every program manager in the department is having to upset carefully calibrated plans, stop or slow activities only to start them later or deferring the commencement of important new programs," he said at the **Aviation Week Defense Technology and Requirements Conference**. It's also

no secret that continuing resolutions are no picnic for government contractors, either...

[MARINE CORPS CONFLICTED OVER SCHEDULE FOR EFV REPLACEMENT](#)

Inside the Pentagon, Jordana Mishory, 17 February 2011, 1075 words , (English)

Senior Marine Corps officials were at odds this week over how long it will take to field a replacement for the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle. After Defense Secretary Robert Gates announced last month that the Pentagon would terminate the EFV program because it is unaffordable, Marine Corps generals called for acquiring the replacement in fewer than eight years...But a senior Marine Corps budget official said on Monday that the New Amphibious Vehicle is not slated to reach initial operational capability until 2024, a schedule also reflected in fiscal year 2012 budget justification documents released Monday... But Gen. Joseph Dunford, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps, said at an **Aviation Week conference** Wednesday that he does not know what the 2024 date is based on. "We absolutely can't wait 14 years for that vehicle," he told reporters after his briefing...

[CARTER: DOD 'REWORKING' VAGUE POINTS IN BETTER BUYING GUIDANCE](#)

Inside the Pentagon, Jordana Mishory, 17 February 2011, 361 words , (English)

The Pentagon is working to beef up a handful of points in the better buying guidance it released last September, according to the Defense Department's acquisition chief. Procurement chief Ashton Carter said that five or six of the 23 changes discussed in his Sept. 14 memo were not as complete as they could have been. "There are a couple of areas where we were a little less clear and that was for the very good reason that we were a little less clear about how to obtain the objective that we stated," Carter said Wednesday at an **Aviation Week conference**. He said several of the points were vague because the Pentagon did not complete the requisite work by the time the memo was released, and that the department is working on those areas now...

[AT CLOSE RANGE](#)

Inside the Pentagon, Jordana Mishory, 17 February 2011, 855 words , (English)

WHAT'S IN A NAME? "Efficiency initiative" -- two words that have become synonymous with the Defense Department's quest to repurpose money from low to higher-priority goals. And yet, despite how many times that phrase has pinged around the halls of the Pentagon and the Capitol, one of the top officials leading the movement is not such a fan. "I was not particularly fond of that phrase, but we couldn't manage to think of anything better," DOD acquisition chief Ashton Carter admitted while speaking at an **Aviation Week event** Wednesday...

[Gates urges Senate to kill funding for F-35 engine - RECOMMENDED](#)

Reuters News, Andrea Shalal-Esa, 12:03, 17 February 2011, 657 words , (English)

* Gates calls Senate to reject "unnecessary extra engine" * McCain calls F-35 program "incredible waste" of money" Defense Secretary Robert Gates urged U.S. senators on Thursday to join the U.S. House of Representatives in eliminating funding for a second engine for the Lockheed Martin Corp F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. The Pentagon scored a victory on Wednesday in its five-year battle to kill that program when the House voted 233 to 198 to eliminate \$450 million in fiscal 2011 funding for the engine being developed by General Electric Co and Britain's Rolls-Royce Plc as an alternate to an engine built by United Technologies Corp unit Pratt & Whitney...Navy Admiral Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the committee that decoupling work in the short-takeoff variant would allow even quicker work on the Navy and Air Force variants. "That puts us in a better position to develop the Air Force and Navy versions sooner," Mullen told the committee. Pentagon acquisition chief Ashton Carter on Wednesday said he remained concerned about cost growth on the F-35 program, and was keeping close tabs on the program. "I continue to regard the projected acquisition costs and sustainment costs for the Joint Strike Fighter as too high," Carter told a **conference sponsored by Aviation Week**...

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- [Christian Science Monitor](#)
- [CNBC](#)
- [Guardian.co.uk](#)
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- AFX International/UK/Asia

- Sharenet.co.za

[Tanker Contract To Be Awarded By February 28th](#)

WJTC-TV - Online, 17 February

Mobile could learn in the next eleven days whether the long-running KC-X tanker project is coming to the Gulf Coast. Two senior defense officials tell the Air Force Times that the contract will be awarded before the end of February. "We'll roll-off the KC-X, hopefully, at the end of this month," Maj. Gen. David Scott told the newspaper. At an **Aviation Week conference**, Pentagon Comptroller Robert Hale echoed Scott's words. "We're asking for \$900 million for the KC-X tanker, hopefully to make an award within the month," Hale said...LOCAL 15 reported last week that plans are under way for a celebration at Brookley Field. The \$35 billion contract will bring thousands of jobs to the area. No local officials would confirm the contract is going to EADS however they all say they feel confident. The contract is expected to be awarded on a Friday after Wall Street closes... making this Friday and the 25th the most likely dates.

[Marine Corps To Drop RFI For EFV Replacement This Week](#)

Defense Daily, Carlo Munoz, February 17, 2011

Marine Corps acquisition officials plan to issue a request for information (RFI) to industry this week for its follow-on effort to develop a new amphibious vehicle to replace the recently cancelled Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle...

[Industrial Base Must Make Sacrifices In Restricted Budget Environment](#)

Defense Daily, Carlo Munoz, February 17, 2011

With defense budgets expected to experience little to no growth over the next several years, defense industry firms must adjust their business practices in the same manner as their Pentagon counterparts to survive, according to DoD...

[Can We Bank on the Pentagon's Savings?](#)

Aviation Week's Ares Defense Technology Blog, Michael Bruno, 2/18/2011 3:50 PM CST

Questions are already being raised over the Pentagon and White House's plans to "save" up to \$178 billion over the next five fiscal years in defense spending, with Wall Street and lawmakers lining up doubts as everyone digests the fiscal 2012 request and future years defense plan (FYDP). As Capital Alpha Partners put it after attending **Aviation Week's Aerospace and Defense Technology and Requirements conference** in Washington this week, "aspirations are nice but plans are better." We were a bit disappointed by some things that the comptroller of the DOD stated during his presentation. The first was in response to our question about the source of further savings and efficiencies beyond those identified in the FY12 and FYDP just released. The comptroller's response was that "logistics and healthcare" are two potential areas for additional savings...

[Director Of U.S. Defense Research Outlines Seven S&T Priorities](#)

Aviation Week's Aerospace Daily & Defense Report, Michael Bruno, Feb 18, 2011, p. 01

PENTAGON S&T: The top science and technology priorities for the U.S. Defense Department through fiscal 2016 include cyber, unmanned vehicle autonomy, human-machine interfaces and countering weapons of mass destruction, says Zachary Lemnios, director of defense research and engineering and the Pentagon's chief technology officer. Speaking Feb. 16 at Aviation Week's A&D Technology and Requirements conference in Washington, Lemnios also called for better system protection in an age of electronic warfare, as well as engineering resilient systems — as in making sure defense systems are designed for greater reliability despite the transition from domestic to global supply chains. The Pentagon's requested S&T budget for 2012 is \$12.25 billion.

[AIR FORCE REQUESTS \\$3.7 BILLION OVER FYDP FOR NEXT-GEN BOMBER R&D](#)

Inside the Air Force, Gabe Starosta, 18 February 2011, 621 words , (English)

A senior Air Force acquisition official said Wednesday that the next-generation bomber the service is beginning to develop would be expected to last for as many as 80 years, and new budget documents indicate the Air Force will invest an increasing amount of money over the next five years to spur the aircraft's progress. The new bomber was allotted \$197 million for research and development in the fiscal year 2012 budget request that was submitted to Congress on Monday. And across the service's future

years defense program, budget justification documents show more than \$3.7 billion has been requested for research and development. The amount requested grows steadily each year in the FYDP from the low of \$197 million in the next fiscal year to \$1.7 billion in FY-16. Maj. Gen. David Scott, the Air Force's director of operational capability requirements, told a crowd of industry executives Wednesday that the future bomber will boast a number of capabilities and will be expected to last between 50 and 80 years. In regard to that kind of life cycle and survivability, Scott cited the B-52, which has been in use by the Air Force since 1955 and is currently slated to remain in the fleet until 2044. Scott was speaking at a **conference in Washington sponsored by Aviation Week...**

[Navy Eyes Streamlined Approach To EFV Replacement Plan](#)

Defense Daily, Carlo Munoz, February 18, 2011

The Navy plans to blend its legacy modernization work and new platform development plans for its amphibious combat vehicle fleet into a single effort, in an attempt to expedite the service's transition into the follow-on to its...

[Carter Fleshes Out DoD Stance Toward Industry M&A](#)

ExecutiveGov, Jack Moore, Feb 18, 2011

When the Defense Department's top acquisition chief Ashton Carter dropped hints at a Wall Street speech last week that the Pentagon would frown on mergers and acquisitions between industry giants (although not necessarily between those of smaller companies) the D.C. area's stable of government contractors were hungry for more information. And now, Carter, the department's undersecretary for acquisition, technology and logistics, is fleshing out the Pentagon's regulatory stance toward the M&A likely to flow through the industry. "Market forces will undoubtedly lead to an uptick in the volume of [mergers and acquisitions] and this is normal," said Carter in a speech at an **Aviation Week conference**, according to DoDBuzz. "For our part, the Defense Department welcomes these adjustments and the need to create overall efficiency..."

[Unapproved Defense Budget A Factor In New Request - **RECOMMENDED**](#)

Aviation Week & Space Technology, Michael Bruno, Feb 21, 2011

A lack of 2011 funding overshadows the proposed 2012 military budget. Even as the Pentagon's proposed fiscal 2012 budget outlines a new era of austerity that pales in comparison to the robust growth rates of the last decade, concern is building around deeper, de facto cuts that would result from Congress's inability to appropriate new funds for the current fiscal year... Likewise throughout the week, including at **Aviation Week's Aerospace and Defense Technology and Requirements conference** on Feb. 16, the chief financial officer of the Pentagon said the budget extensions were already having an impact. For instance, the Army has instituted a temporary hiring freeze, and progress on the Ground Combat Vehicle and the Air Force's KC-X aerial refueling tanker program may require laborious special requests to Congress if a budget extension is in place. Elsewhere, defense bases have slowed contracting or are issuing awards on an inefficient, one- to two-month basis. "Bad things will occur with a [longer continuing resolution]," warned Pentagon comptroller Robert Hale. Indeed, deeper cuts likely would fall most heavily on operations and maintenance accounts within the Pentagon, which are traditionally the short-term bill-payers of choice...

[Letter to the Editor: Pentagon Acquisition Chief - **RECOMMENDED**](#)

AviationWeek.com, Ashton Carter, Feb 21, 2011

To the Editor:

Your editorial of Feb. 21 deplores the idea, supposedly advocated in a speech by me, of consolidation among so-called lower-tier defense companies. But no such idea appears in the speech on industrial policy I gave on Feb. 9 at the Cowen Group or of the speech I gave at **Aviation Week's A&D Technology and Requirements conference** on Feb. 16. In fact, they spoke of the central need to preserve and enhance the middle and lower tiers of the defense industry. They also stressed the need to reduce barriers to entry to the defense marketplace to encourage new entrants, creating a conveyor belt of new faces, ideas, and technology into defense. So your editorial not only got it wrong, it got it backwards. I am always open to correction – but not of what I didn't say.

- Ashton Carter, undersecretary of defense (acquisition, technology, and logistics)

[Surviving Pentagon Programs Appear Safe, For Now](#)

Aerospace Daily & Defense Report, Michael Fabey, Feb 21, 2011, p. 09

The Defense Department likely has cut or canceled all of the major costly programs it believes are too expensive or fail to meet current military needs, says Robert Hale, the Pentagon's comptroller. It's unlikely, he says, that service brass and contractors will see the wholesale ax-wielding that has chopped through Pentagon programs during the past two years. "We've weeded out those programs," Hale said Feb. 16 following his briefing at **Aviation Week's Aerospace & Defense Technology and Requirements conference** in Washington. Now the focus will be on making sure the surviving programs deliver as promised and anticipated. "We need to focus on our business operations," Hale says. "We'll continue to look for ways to cut down our support costs..."

Also in:

- AviationWeek.com

Chief Of U.S. Naval Operations Spotlights Africa, Arctic Sea Issues

Aerospace Daily & Defense Report, Feb. 21, 2011, p. 05

MORE GLOBAL: U.S. Navy Adm. Gary Roughead, the chief of naval operations, says Africa and the Arctic region are likely to become bigger areas of concern for U.S. leaders and his sea service in the future. Speaking Feb. 16 at **Aviation Week's A&D Technology and Requirements conference** in Washington, Roughead said the emerging sea lanes in the Arctic amounted to "opening the fifth ocean." As Aviation Week's Defense Technology International reported in June 2010, many experts contend that there will be season-long shipping lanes open as early as 2030, which promises to bring more human activity to the region. The Navy and Coast Guard have begun to examine the issue, but there are several challenges, starting with acquiring a proper fleet of U.S. ships like icebreakers to sail the region.

IN YEMEN, U.S. AIMS TO GIVE MILITARY AID TO MORE THAN JUST MILITARY

Inside the Navy, Andrew Burt, 21 February 2011, 492 words , (English)

The Obama administration is requesting \$75 million in fiscal year 2012 for Yemen's military and interior ministry, according to a senior Pentagon official. Speaking with Inside the Navy during an **Aviation Week conference Wednesday**, Pentagon Comptroller Robert Hale explained that the administration has "asked for and gotten authority to use these 1206 funds" -- referencing the section of the defense authorization bill that covers the funds the Defense Department sends overseas to train and equip foreign forces -- "a little more broadly, not just for the military but for the ministry of the interior, and I think we will try to carry that out..."

MARINES TO ADD ONE-STAR COCOM HEADQUARTERS, FLATTEN OTHER HQS

Inside the Navy, Cid Standifer, 21 February 2011, 431 words , (English)

While changes in end strength will wait until the Marines are out of Afghanistan, top service officers said last week that consolidation, establishment and disestablishment of headquarters will begin in the next few years. Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Amos said at a Defense Writers Group breakfast Feb. 18 that 21 headquarters will be reduced or eliminated... On the other hand, Assistant Commandant Gen. Joseph Dunford said at an **Aviation Week conference on Feb. 16** that one-star positions will be established for combatant commands. "The coin of the realm for combatant commanders in a crisis is a one-star [joint task force] headquarters," he said. "That's what we've seen deploy to Pakistan. That's what we've seen deployed in Lebanon. That's what's been deployed in the Pacific. To include operations in the combatant commands, we're going to change our organizational construct in the Marine Corps; we're going to provide the combatant commander with that level of command and control that will allow them to use their forces and JTF and will allow us to aggregate [Marine Air Ground Task Force] capabilities based on what the requirement or the situation may be..."

CNO: NAVY WILL REEVALUATE APPROACH TO MAINTENANCE ON LCS, JSF, OTHERS

Inside the Navy, Dan Taylor, 21 February 2011, 449 words , (English)

The Navy is reevaluating its approach to maintenance and could move away from relying on contractors for those services in order to address concerns about total ownership costs for a wide range of new platforms, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead said last week. The question of whether the Navy should contract the maintenance or have its own people do the work is something "we're getting our heads around," Roughead said Feb. 16 at an **Aviation Week conference** in Washington. "We have

looked at some of the systems, particularly things like P-8 [maritime surveillance aircraft], where we have envisioned more of a contractor-based maintenance, and we're now starting to look at what is the optimum way for us to go forward," he said...

[FUTURE FOR JOINT LIGHT TACTICAL VEHICLE UNCERTAIN IN FY-12 BUDGET PLANS](#)

Inside the Navy, Cid Standifer, 21 February 2011, 630 words , (English)

The future of the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle is up in the air, following the release of the Navy's fiscal year 2012 defense budget request that cuts procurement funding for JLTV, top Marine Corps officials said last week. Despite the JLTV procurement funding cut, as well as concerns voiced last year by senior service officials about the trucks' projected price tag, Lt. Gen. John Wissler, the Marines' deputy commandant for programs and resources, said today that the Corps does not intend to abandon the program. "We did cut our money in the near term of the [2012 program objective memorandum]," he said at an **Aviation Week conference**, "but only because we can't buy a vehicle yet. All that money was no-kidding procurement dollars to physically receive a vehicle. We haven't cut a penny of the [research, development, test and evaluation] money going into the JLTV." Wissler told Inside the Navy after his speech that a date for the release of a JLTV request for proposals has not been set. "The indication is, it's going to be pushed to the right," he said...

[STACKLEY: F-35B 'PROBATION' PREVENTS COSTLY REWORK OF PROGRAM AFTER IOC](#)

Inside the Navy, Cid Standifer, 21 February 2011, 396 words , (English)

The two-year "probation" period for the F-35B variant of the Joint Strike Fighter was designed to give the program time to resolve and test out engineering changes without creating a retrofit problem, the head of Navy acquisition said last week. Sean Stackley, assistant secretary of the Navy for research, development and acquisition, said at an **Aviation Week conference** on Feb. 18 that he is quite confident the short-take-off-and-landing JSF will pick back up after the two-year period...

[BIDDERS FOR AUXILIARY SHIPS COULD CHANGE AS NORTHROP SPINS OFF YARDS](#)

Inside the Navy, Cid Standifer, 21 February 2011, 932 words , (English)

New competitors could enter the market for building Navy auxiliary ships in the next few years, depending on the fate of the yards Northrop Grumman is trying to spin off into a new entity, Huntington Ingalls Industries Inc., as well as the possibility of commercial builders entering the warship business, according to the assistant secretary of the Navy. In its FY-12 budget request, the Navy adds few ships but shifts around construction schedules for the Mobile Landing Platform and TAO(X) oil tanker... Sean Stackley, assistant secretary of the Navy for research, development and acquisition, told reporters at an **Aviation Week conference on Feb. 17** that the new shipyard may bid on the TAO(X), which he said is a ship that lends itself to competition, but that nothing is conclusive at this point. "The spin-off has not occurred," he noted. "Northrop Grumman made an announcement of a decision that the future shipyard will make regarding Avondale. That has not occurred, and there has been some private equity interest in acquiring Avondale. So there's the Ingalls shipyard that would be a potential competitor for TAO(X) . . . in theory there's a future for Avondale as a potential competitor, and there is NASSCO, and if Aker were in the room they'd say that they'd be a competitor..."

[NAVY, MARINES MAY NEVER RECOUP FUNDS LOST TO CONTINUING RESOLUTION](#)

Inside the Navy, Cid Standifer, 21 February 2011, 485 words , (English)

Given the downward pressure on the Defense Department budget, Marine Corps officials are worried that they may not make up the funding lost under the current continuing budget resolution in the future, though a top Navy budget official said last week the service has to come out of the fiscal year 2013 budget process "whole." Speaking Feb. 16 at an **Aviation Week conference**, Lt. Gen. John Wissler, deputy commandant for programs and resources, said the Marines will take the shortfalls in funding under the continuing resolution as their starting point for the FY-13 budget. At press time (Feb. 18), the House expected to vote on the FY-11 defense appropriations bill...

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Inside the Navy, Andrew Burt, 21 February 2011, 363 words , (English)

The Defense Department's inability to produce a full audit, despite being required to do so by law, has little impact on its finances though it would benefit the department's public image, Pentagon Comptroller Robert

Hale said last week. "Yes, we can't meet commercial audit standards. But that definitely does not mean that we have no idea where we are spending our money," Hale told an audience Feb. 16 at a **conference hosted by Aviation Week** in Washington, D.C. The Pentagon should strive toward achieving full auditability all the same, Hale said -- even if doing so would be more about image than content...

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...**Lockheed Martin**: The precise contractual outcome of the Technical Baseline Review (TBR) will not be completed until the end of the year, at which point test flights and delivery schedules will be finalized. Therefore, LMT does not expect any change to margin forecasts in 2011 and reports that it can handle the planned ramp currently reflected in DoD plans. We note that at last week's Aviation Week conference, Dr. Ash Carter (DoD's Acquisition Chief) highlighted that the recently completed TBR did not change cost estimates nor inventory objectives.

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Wichita Eagle (KS), 22 February 2011, 548 words , (English)

A decision to award the long-awaited Air Force aerial refueling contract is expected this week, two senior defense officials said at an aerospace and defense conference. "We'll roll-off the KC-X, hopefully, at the end of this month," Maj. Gen. David Scott, U.S. Air Force director of operational capability requirements, told Defense News last week at the **conference sponsored by Aviation Week magazine**. Pentagon comptroller Robert Hale reiterated that...