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Boeing QF-16 Program



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QF-16 Full Scale Aerial Target Boeing Global Services and Support Maintenance, Modifications, & Upgrades Aircraft Sustainment & Maintenance Mr. Robert Insinna QF-16 Program Manager October 21, 2010

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Boeing Targets / Decoys



- Cost Effectively Converting Highly Reliable, NDI Air Vehicles
- Providing Foundation for New Development Programs
- Boeing's Systems
 Integration Expertise and Teaming
- Application of Boeing Critical Technologies
- Synergy Among Our Targets, Unmanned Systems, and Weapons Programs





 System Design Exceeding Mean Time Between Failure **Key Performance Metric**

C-130 Avionics Modernization Program

 Cockpit digital conversion design and installation on Non-**Boeing platform**

A-10 Wing Replacement Program

- Structural Design and Interface to Non-Boeing Platform
- Experience Working with Non-Boeing Engineering Documentation

MA-31 Target System

- Russian KH31 Missile Conversion to US Target System
- Upgraded to Precision Guidance with Boeing Developed Hardware/Software



• T-38 Avionics Upgrade Program

Non-OEM Platforms

- Cockpit digital conversion on Non-Boeing platform
- 100% on-time production delivery (465 units)









QF-16 Overview





Key Features

- Follow on for QF-4 Program: Supersonic, High-G, Heavy Payload Capability
- Satisfies Title 10 "Live Fire/Lethality"
- Provides 4th Generation Threat Representation

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QF-16 Program Key Sites





Leveraging the Best of Industry to meet Customer needs

QF-16 FSAT Roadmap Meets All Government Milestones





Functional Baseline - DPE

- Drone Peculiar Equipment (DPE) refers to the unique airborne equipment developed to remotely command and control the QF-16 aircraft and provide scoring data for end game mission analysis.
 - Target Control System integration
 - Launch and Recovery
 - Full F-16 flight envelope performance and maneuvers
 - Payload control and deployment
 - Commanded or Automatic Flight Termination
 - Visual Augmentation
 - End game scoring

DPE consists of multiple subsystems with Top Level functions:

- Automatic Flight Control System (AFCS)
 - Take-off and Landing
 - Programmed Maneuvers & Automatic Sequences
 - Throttle Control
 - Air vehicle command and control
- Command Telemetry System (CTS)
 - Target Control System to AFCS interface
- Payload Control System (PCS)
 - Payload control and deployment
- Flight Termination System (FTS)
 - Commanded or automatic immediate termination of aerodynamic flight
- Vector Scoring System (VSS)
 - End game projectile miss distance
- Visual Augmentation System (VAS)
 - Commanded Pulsed smoke trail for visual acquisition







Functional Baseline - PSE



- Peculiar Support Equipment (PSE) refers to the unique support equipment developed to test and troubleshoot the QF-16 Drone Peculiar Equipment (DPE)
 - Acceptance test of QF-16 modifications at Cecil Field
 - Pre-Mission Test of QF-16s at Tyndall and Holloman AFB
 - Diagnosis and Isolation of DPE anomalies
- PSE consists of an Automated System Test Set (ASTS) and a Portable Flight Line (PFLT)Tester.
 - ASTS Top Level Functions
 - Perform full QF-16 system level Acceptance Test Procedures (ATP) to verify that the DPE drone modifications are installed correctly
 - Perform NULLO (Not Under Live Local Operation) Pre-Mission system level validation Test (PMT)
 - Fault isolate to the QF-16 DPE major Line Replaceable Unit (LRU) level
 - PFLT Top Level Functions
 - Test and troubleshoot the QF-16 system to the DPE LRU level
 - Load Operation Flight Programs (OFPs) for DPE systems with flight-line loadable OFPs
 - Program levels for payloads signals

ASTS PFLT

QF-16 Architecture Block Diagram



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Synthesis and Integration



- Architecture has been defined and the suppliers selected
 - Alternative concepts defined and analyzed
- Physical interface definition started **AFCS_Automatic Flight Control System** PCS – Payload **Drone Peculiar Control System** Equipment (DPE) VAS – Visual Augmentation System **Peculiar Support Equipment (PSE)** ASTS VSS – Vector Scoring System w/ Encryption FTS – Flight **Termination system** PFLT CTS – Command **Telemetry System**

Advanced Engineering Applied to QF-16



- Rapid prototyping of risk reduction articles
- 3D modeling of equipment installation



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Rapid Prototype of FTS Pallet Installation on Block 25 F-16

3D Modeling of Equipment Installation in Gun Ammo Bay



 Rapid Prototype of F-16 Structure for Visual Augmentation Equipment Installation

Static Destruct Test



- Testing supports QF-16 Flight Termination System Warhead Placement
- Static Destruct Test Successfully Completed at Eglin AFB August 2010
- Test Results show FTS warhead detonation will terminate QF-16 flight





Antenna Testing



- Completed Testing in Boeing Near Field Test Facility
 - Determined RCS contribution of QF-16 unique antennas
 - Antennas installed on F-16 Test Asset
- Antenna Pattern Testing at Boeing's Antenna Test Range, planned for January 2011.



Near Field Testing

Antenna Pattern Testing

Test and Evaluation



- A dedicated QF-16 System Integration Lab (SIL) will be used to support integration of DPE/PSE, to develop SW for DPE, and to support Flight Testing
 - Hardware in loop testing, GRDCS Simulations and GRDCS Data Link Testing (GDLT)
- Contractor Aircraft Ground and Flight Testing Cecil Field
 - Mobile GRDCS and GRDCS Portable Towers





SIL



Mobile GRDCS



GRDCS Portable Towers

EMD Phase - DT/OT at Tyndall and at Holloman (White Sands Missile Range)



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Ready to Support Drone Conversions





- Cecil Field Recovery of first F-16
 - On time readiness
 - Trained and experienced support personnel



Lean cellular production supports affordable, high quality, on time performance

Program Summary



- The Boeing QF-16 Program leverages QF-4 supply base and maximizes the use of existing hardware and software capabilities to provide a low risk drone peculiar equipment solution.
- The program has progressed through the startup phase, completed a system requirements review (SRR), the integrated baseline review (IBR), and the system functional review (SFR). PDR is on schedule for October 2010.
- Boeing systems engineering processes and program management best practices are in place to provide successful execution of the program requirements.





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