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Space Systems Command Awards \$15 Million Contract to ABL Space Systems for Responsive Launch

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. – Space Systems Command’s Assured Access to Space (AATS) office has awarded a \$15 million contract to ABL Space Systems to demonstrate responsive launch capability.

The Small Launch and Targets Division at Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, New Mexico, part of AATS, awarded the Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) Strategic Funding Initiative (StratFI) to develop a launch mission design that incorporates planning for numerous satellites to multiple orbits from a variety of locations and conduct a proof-of-concept responsive launch.

“The Space Force is committed to growing Tactically Responsive Space capabilities, including launch, space, and ground segments, to meet the needs of combatant commanders,” said Lt. Col. Justin Beltz, chief of the Small Launch and Targets Division. “We are excited to work with ABL to explore robust planning options, complementing the Space Force’s other Tactically Responsive Space efforts. This mission area is evolving quickly, and it’s important we continue to push the bounds of speed, responsiveness, and flexibility.”

Space Systems Command is the U.S. Space Force’s field command responsible for acquiring and delivering resilient war fighting capabilities to protect our nation’s strategic advantage in and from space. SSC manages a \$15 billion space acquisition budget for the Department of Defense and works in partnership with joint forces, industry, government

agencies, academic, and allied organizations to accelerate innovation and outpace emerging threats. Our actions today are making the world a better space for tomorrow.

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