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Space Federal Funding & Policy Update

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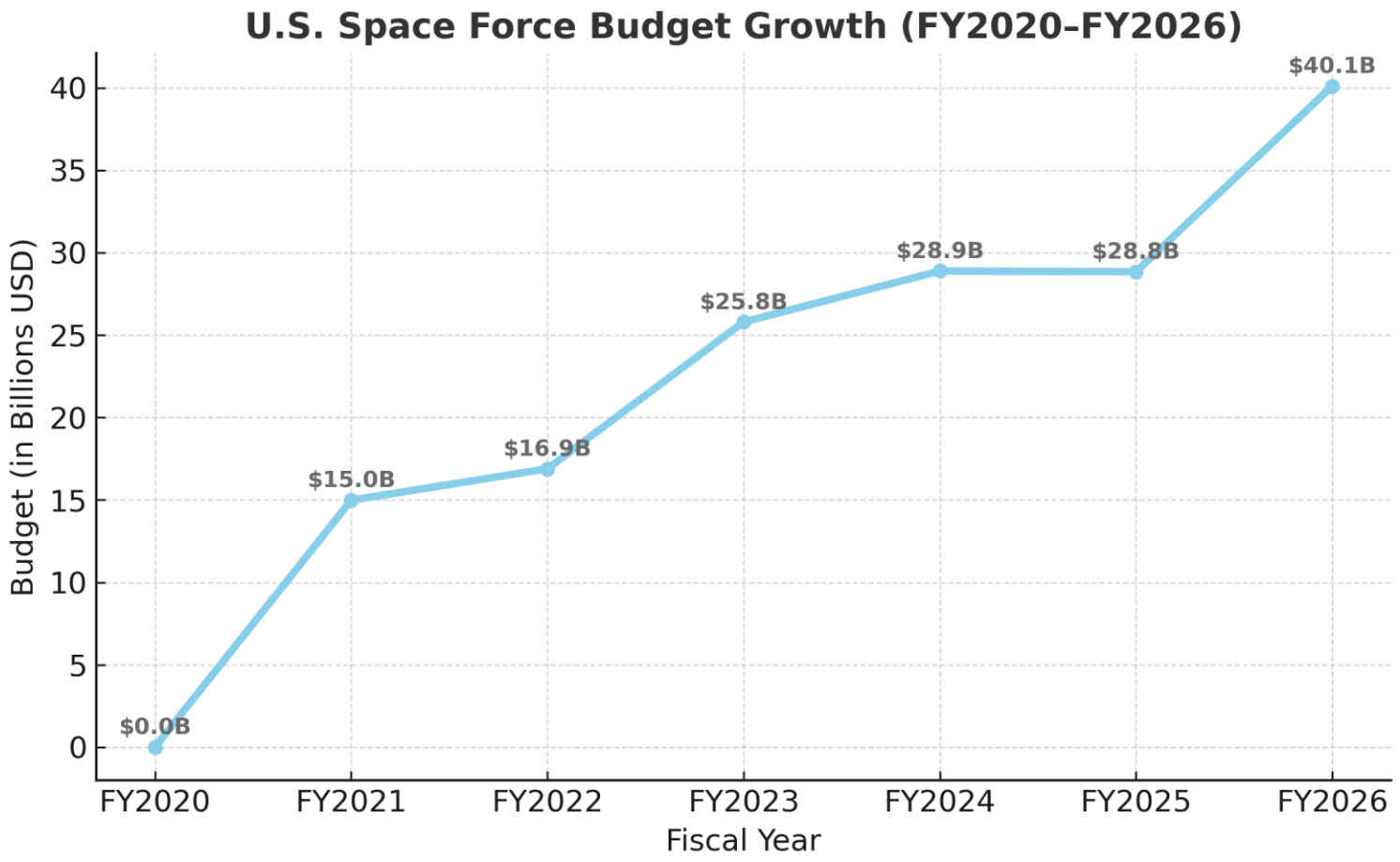
Money, Mechanics & Golden Dome

Money - USSF request vs FY25 enacted, growth vs pressure, and implications of RDT&E-heavy + reconciliation mix

Mechanics - OBBB/reconciliation vs a CR/shutdown means for timing, new starts, and execution flexibility

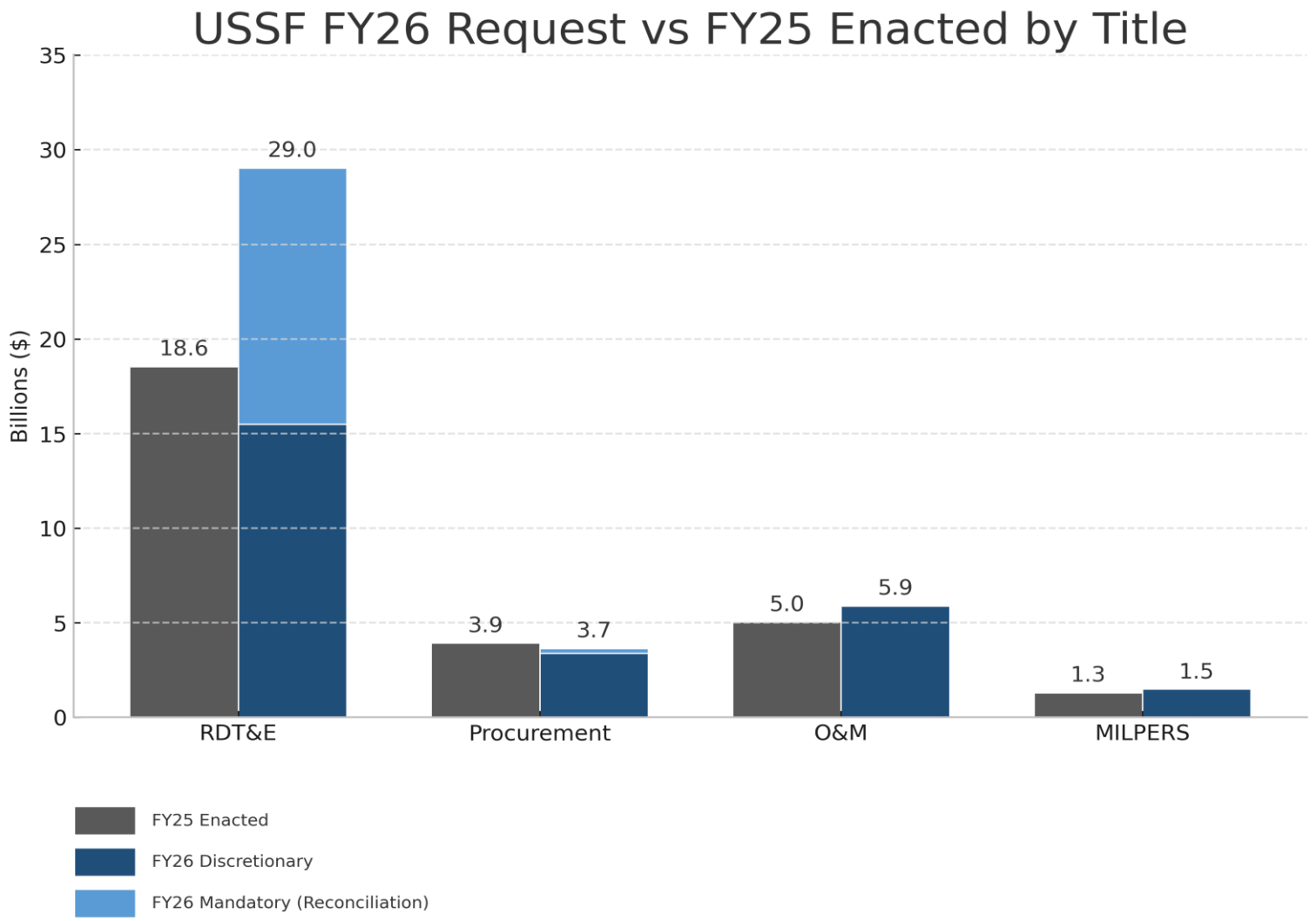
Golden Dome - Scope & funding path (mandatory vs discretionary), MDA/USSF roles, and ties to missile warning/tracking & C2

USSF Topline Growth: FY20-FY26



- **FY20-FY21**: Service creation and stand-up; but personnel costs still under Air Force
- **FY22**: Mission expansion & transfers in from other services
- **FY23**: Major increase from Space Development Agency transfer and creation of a personnel account
- **FY24**: Slight growth to fund resilient satellite architectures, hypersonic-tracking constellations, and launch-facility upgrades
- **FY25**: Full-year continuing resolution kept FY 2024 levels but transmittal letter relief
- **FY26**: Sharp increase to ≈ $29 B driven by reconciliation-funded initiatives—especially Golden Dome—and alignment with mandatory OBBB resources

FY26 vs FY25: Topline Snapshot



- **USSF FY26 request: $40.1B** → $26.1B discretionary + $13.8B mandatory (reconciliation)
- **+ $11.3B** vs FY25 enacted
- RDT&E-focused; reconciliation dollars are concentrated in RDT&E
- Base discretionary RDT&E request declined

Growth / Pressure by Mission Area

	FY25 CR	FY26 Total (PBR + Reconciliation)	$ Change (FY25 CR to FY26 Total)	% Change (FY25 CR to FY26 Total)
USSF – Space Sensing	*$3,096.40M*	**$11,663.11M**	**$8,566.71M**	**276.67%**
USSF – Space Development Agency	*$4,195.60M*	**$4,996.76M**	**$801.16M**	**19.10%**
USSF – Communications / PNT	$3,733.22M	**$3,848.65M**	**$115.43M**	**3.09%**
USSF – Assured Access to Space	$2,091.77M	**$1,801.49M**	**-$290.28M**	**-13.88%**
USSF – Advanced R&D	$1,265.53M	**$1,169.77M**	**-$95.76M**	**-7.57%**
USSF – SDA / Combat Power	$881.13M	**$1,035.35M**	**$154.23M**	**17.50%**
USSF – BMC3I	$391.63M	**$726.13M**	**$334.49M**	**85.41%**
USSF – Organizational Investments	$553.56M	**$500.69M**	**-$52.87M**	**-9.55%**
USSF – O&M	$4,521.36M	**$5,262.44M**	**$741.08M**	**16.39%**
USSF - MILPERS	$1,312.35M	**$1,504.84M**	**$192.49M**	**14.67%**
MDA – Strategic Missile Defense	$9,299.50M	**$12,037.17M**	**$2,737.67M**	**29.44%**
DoD-Wide – Space Programs	$2,454.63M	**$3,008.37M**	**$553.73M**	**22.56%**
Classified – Space Programs	$8,751.15M	**$9,407.00M**	**$655.85M**	**7.49%**
Classified – MDA Missile Defense	$495.57M	**$821.43M**	**$325.86M**	**65.75%**
USSF Subtotal	*$28,938.91M*	*$40,107.55M*	*$11,168.64M*	*38.59%*
DoD Space Total	$43,043.39M	**$57,783.19M**	**$14,739.79M**	**34.24%**

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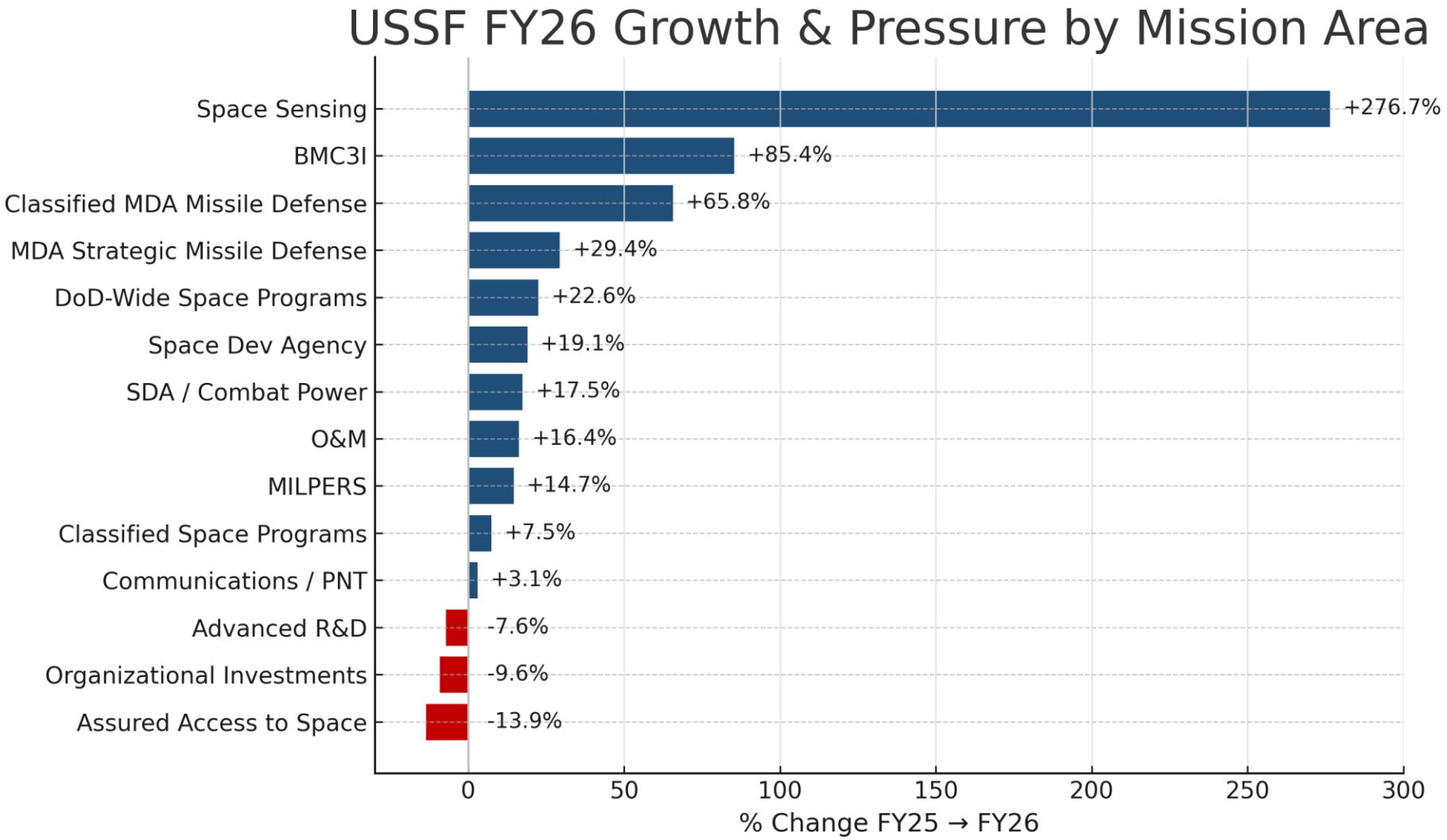
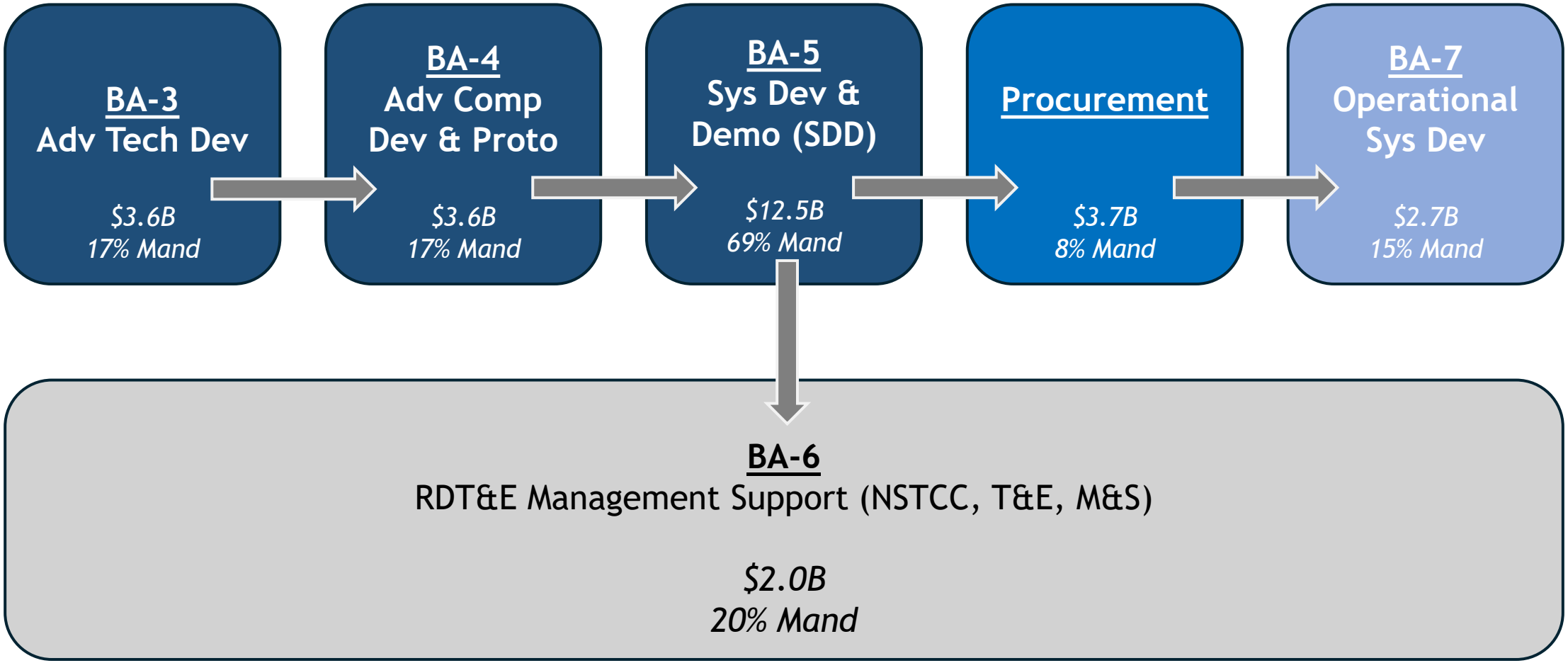


Why the RDT&E-Heavy Mix Matters

RDT&E Pipeline & Supporting Activities – FY26 Composition



FY25 CR: Mechanics & Implications

First Full-Year DoD CR — But with Unusual Flexibility

- **Full-year CR**: Normally rate-based funding; new starts gated; color-of-money constraints
- **Transmittal letter**: Congress/OMB issued PE-level allocation guidance → de facto mini-tables
- **Effect**: DoD gained flexibility to reallocate with notifications; used to initiate Golden Dome groundwork even under the CR
- **Takeaway**: FY25 CR behaved more like a soft appropriation (because of the letter), not a classic CR

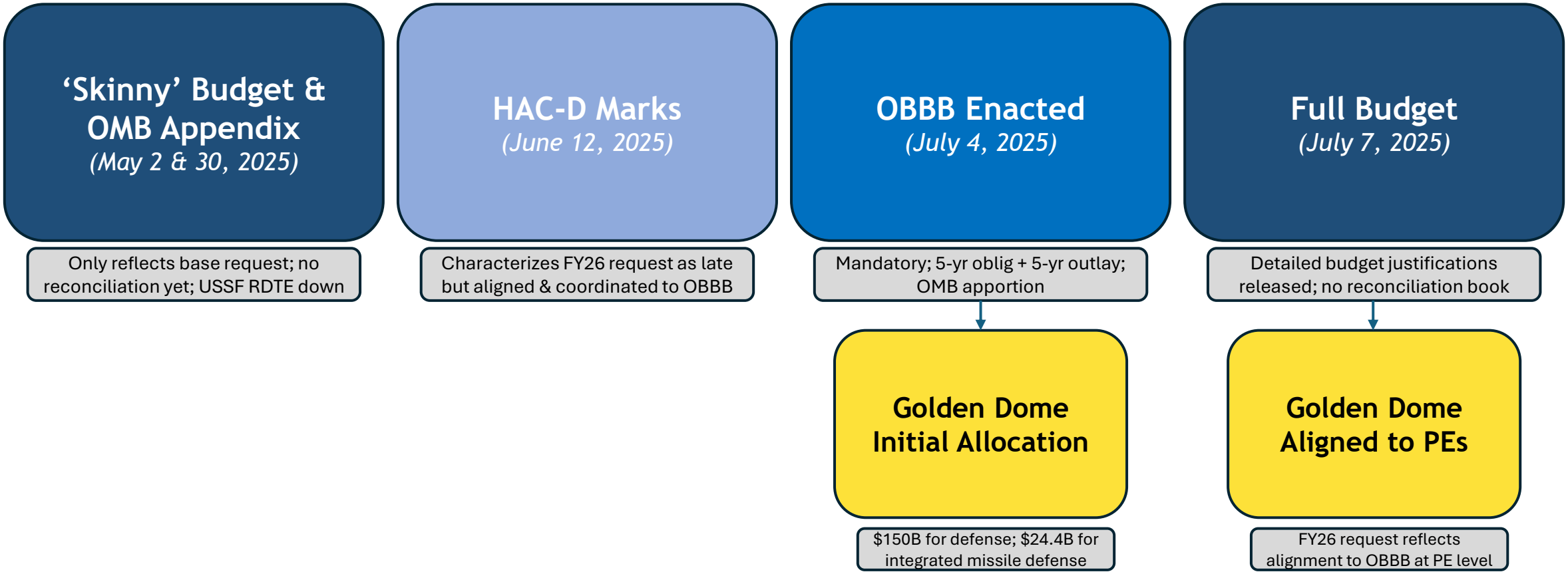
OBBB / Reconciliation: What It Enables

OBBB (P.L. 119-21): Mandatory $$, 5-year clock, Discretionary Discipline

- **Funding type:** Mandatory (outside annual defense caps)
- **Timing:** Enacted July 4, 2025; still requires OMB apportionment
- **Obligation / outlay:** 5-year obligation window + additional 5-year expenditure window
- **FY26 request:** Aligned to OBBB; no FYDP and no separate reconciliation J-books (program detail sits in standard volumes + implementation guidance)
- **Golden Dome:** OBBB includes a dedicated $24.4B tranche for GD — used to accelerate SDD/integration in FY26

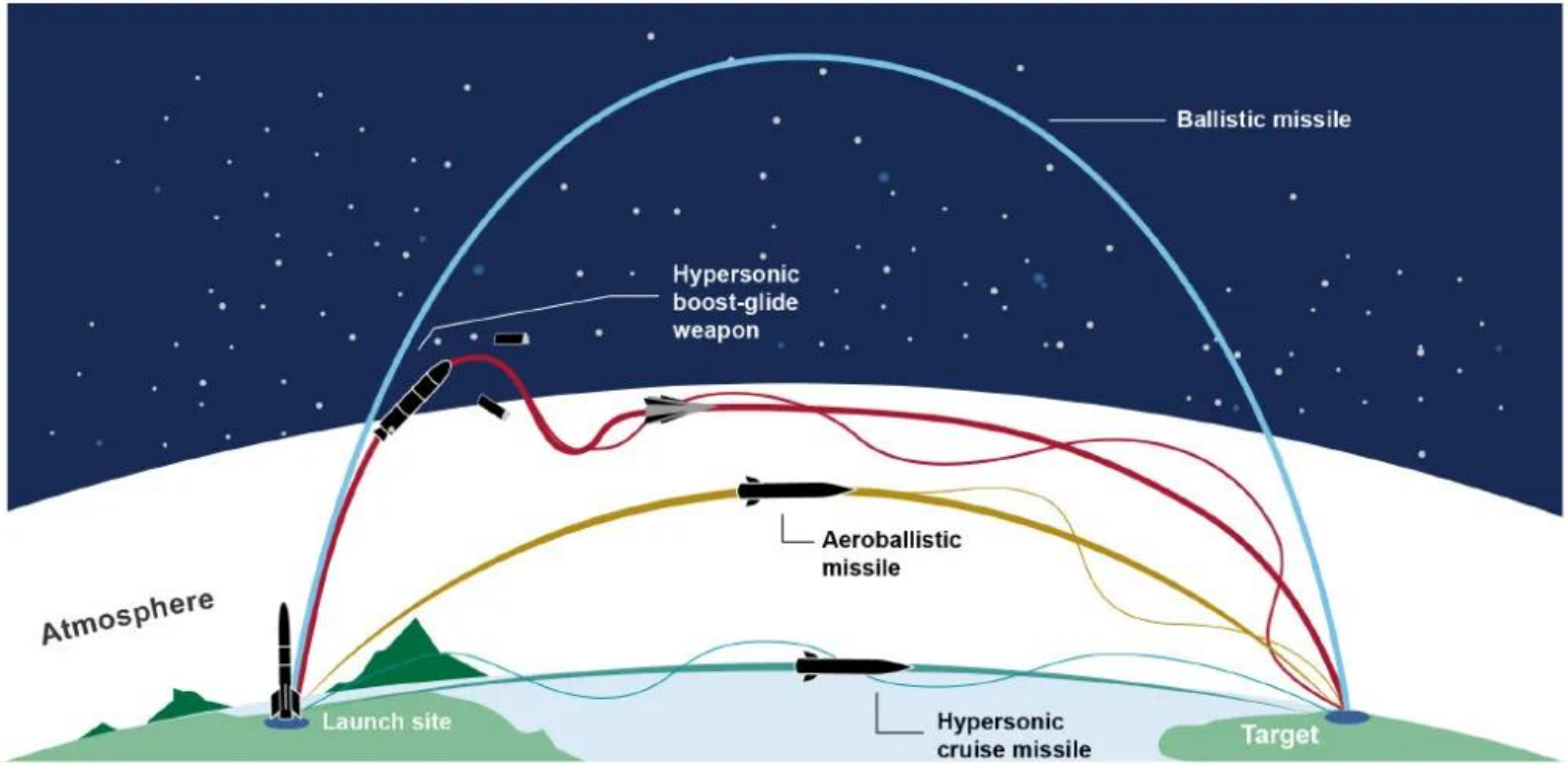
OBBB Sequencing & FY26 Alignment

How OBBB Reshaped the FY26 Budget Cycle



Golden Dome: Missile Threat Landscape

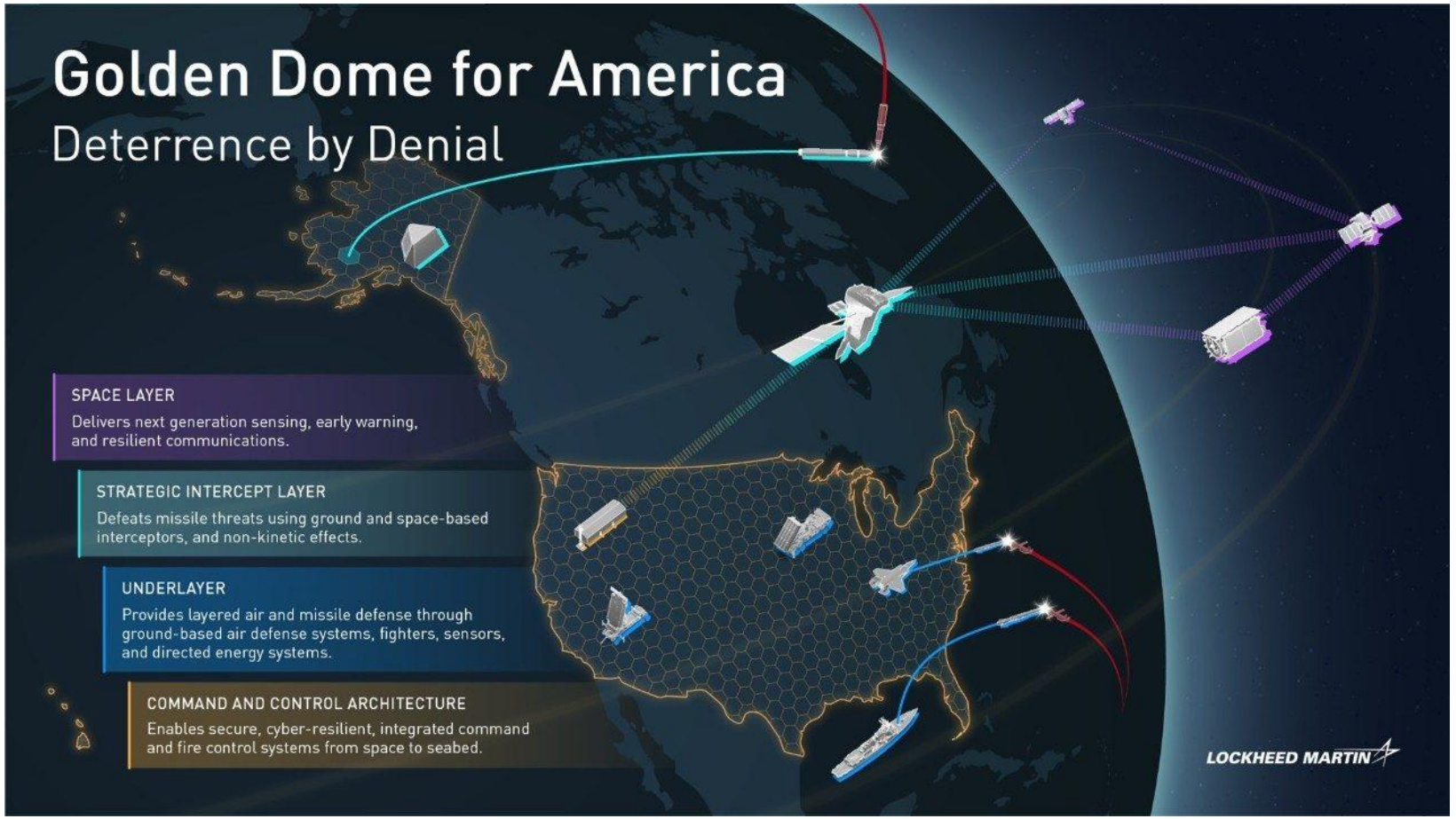
Hypersonic, Ballistic & Cruise Threats



- Hypersonic and cruise weapons compress sensor-to-intercept windows to minutes
- Ballistic missiles remain core but require multi-domain tracking fusion
- **Golden Dome** = enterprise architecture fusing space sensing + missile tracking + C2

Golden Dome: Architecture & Requirements

Layered, Integrated MW/MT & C2 System



- **Latency target**: < 60 seconds (sensor-to-shooter)
- **Coverage**: Global, persistent, with resilience to denial (harsh environments, jamming)
- **Scalability**: modular growth, open interfaces, plug-in sensors
- **Upgradability**: software-defined upgrades, common APIs for new threats
- **Data fusion**: multi-source track correlation, track handover across domains
- **Availability**: high uptime, cross-domain redundancy

Golden Dome: Organization & Roles

- **Director:** Gen. Michael A. Guetlein — Golden Dome Director (direct to DepSecDef)

- **USSF / SSC:** Defines and executes space-layer MW/MT requirements (Next-Gen OPIR, MEO/LEO tracking) and Space C2 integration

- **MDA:** Manages the **SHIELD IDIQ** (~$151B) and leads **C2BMC-Next**; will issue task orders spanning integration, sensors, and BMC3

- **SDA / Industry:** Provides transport/mesh networks and low-latency data paths feeding Space C2/C2BMC

Golden Dome: Acquisition Strategy

Golden Dome Solicitations 2025

Solicitation / Activity	Contract Type / Mode	Owner / Issuer	Status / Timing	Scope / Notes
Homeland Missile Defense RFI	Broad RFI / Market Research	MDA	Jan 31 2025	First RFI following Iron Dome for America EO; rebranded Golden Dome for America; sought architectures & CONOPS
Joint Space Interceptor Notice	Industry Day / Sources Sought	MDA & USSF	Apr 4 2025	Joint notice on Space-Based Interceptors (SBI); boost/mid-course intercept concepts; Huntsville sessions Apr 30–May 2
SBI Industry Engagement / RFI	Request for Information	MDA & USSF	Apr–May 2025	Follow-up engagement refining SBI development concepts & timeline
Space-Based Interceptor RFI	RFI / Market Research	USSF / SSC	Jun 27 2025	Market research for proliferated SBI constellation; RFP planned late 2025
Underlay Missile Launcher RFI	RFI	MDA	Jul 22 2025	Explored mobile/containerized launcher concepts (“underlay”); responses due Aug 18
Theater Ground-Based Radar RFI	RFI	MDA	Jul 24 2025	Mobile multi-mission radar; responses due Sept 8
AN/TPY-2 Adjunct Radar RFI	RFI	MDA	Jul 24 2025	Add-on phased-array to augment AN/TPY-2; improved tracking for advanced threats
“Southeast Radar” RFI	RFI	MDA	Jul 31 2025	Southern-facing long-range radar for CONUS coverage; responses due Aug 20
“Shield” Multi-Award IDIQ (Draft RFP)	Draft RFP	MDA	Jul 24 2025	Draft for $151 B 10-year IDIQ covering R&D→sustainment; feedback due Aug 18
“Multiple Authority Announcement” (BAA)	Broad Agency Announcement	MDA	Jul 31 2025	Open innovation pipeline (through 2030) for hypersonic defense, C2/BMC3, non-kinetic tech
Golden Dome Industry Summit	Industry Engagement	MDA	Aug 7 2025	Huntsville summit broadening vendor base; follow-on SMB events through late 2025
SHIELD IDIQ (Final RFP)	**Multiple-Award IDIQ (10-year)**	**MDA**	**Sept 2025 (extended to Oct 16)**	**Cornerstone vehicle for Golden Dome prototyping, integration, operations & sustainment (~$151 B ceiling)**

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Golden Dome Solicitations (2026 – 2027 +)

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SBI Prototype / RPP	Prototype / OTA / Prize Competition	USSF / SSC (MDA oversight)	Pending FY26	Exo- and endo-atmospheric interceptor prototypes under Golden Dome architecture
Sensor / MW-MT Task Orders	Task Orders under SHIELD	MDA / USSF / SSC	Planned FY26	Space and terrestrial sensor development, testing, and integration
Transport / Mesh Network Task Orders	Task Orders under SHIELD	MDA / SDA	Planned FY26	Low-latency data transfer and cross-domain connectivity solutions
Integration & System Test Task Orders	Task Orders under SHIELD	MDA / USSF / SDA	FY27 +	Cross-domain demonstrations, system integration, and operational testing
Lifecycle / Sustainment Vehicle	Follow-on IDIQ / Task Orders	MDA / USSF / SSC	Post-FY28	Supports BA-7 upgrades, software spirals, and sustainment for operational Golden Dome elements

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