

Airpower in 12 Boxes

The Air Force has 12 “core functions,” the essence of the service’s reason for being. They are assigned by the Secretary of Defense and accepted by the joint community. Core functions are used to provide a framework for investment and

training. In its most recent official posture document, USAF set out the chart depicted here, specifying the amounts it intends to spend now and in the future on the various functions.

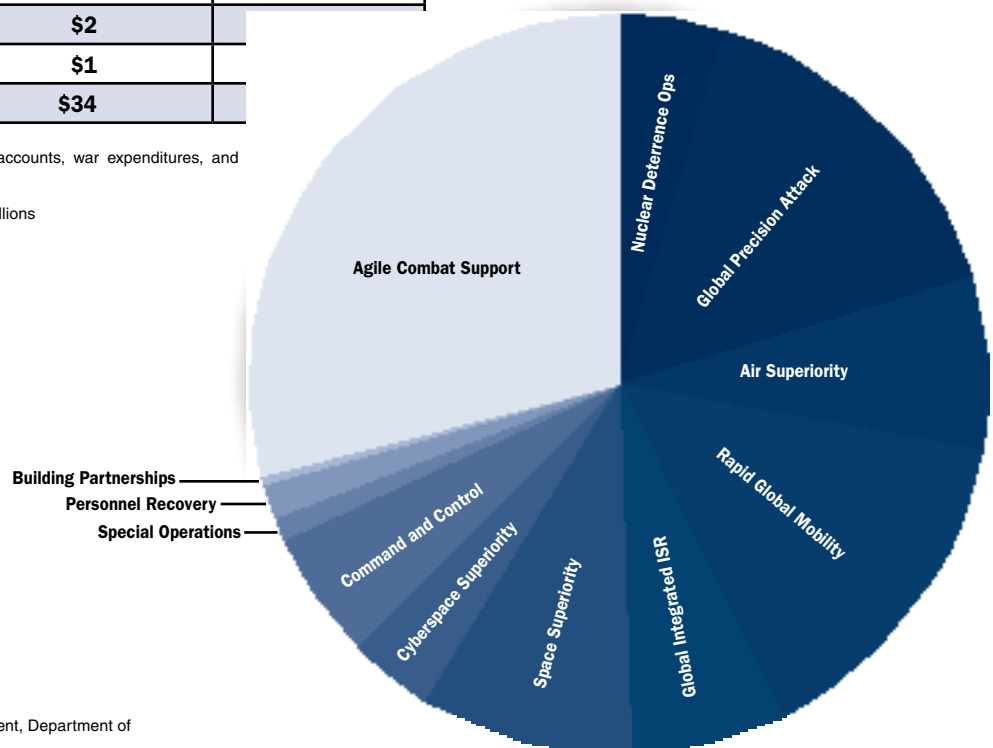
Spending on USAF’s 12 Core Functions

Air Force Core Function	*FY12 PB Request (\$B)	**FYDP (\$B)
Nuclear Deterrence Ops	\$5	\$28
Global Precision Attack	\$16	\$94
Air Superiority	\$9	\$46
Rapid Global Mobility	\$16	\$90
Global Integrated ISR	\$8	\$41
Space Superiority	\$12	\$56
Cyberspace Superiority	\$5	\$22
Command and Control	\$6	\$34
Special Operations	\$1	\$7
Personnel Recovery	\$2	
Building Partnerships	\$1	
Agile Combat Support	\$34	

Figures in this table exclude various “non-blue” accounts, war expenditures, and classified programs.

*Fiscal Year 2012 President’s Budget Request in Billions
 **Future Years Defense Program in Billions

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Source: Fiscal Year 2012 Air Force Posture Statement, Department of the Air Force, Feb. 17, 2011, Washington, D.C.