

# 28th Bomb Wing



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### B-1 (WSDC - 56F) Weapon System MICAP Data



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Source: LIMS-EV MICAP/AWP Analysis Tool Since January 2011



**Mission Statement** 

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## Mission Statement

Utilize advanced Additive Technologies to Provide Rapid Repair of Weapon Systems Components To Enhance Combat Readiness and Reduce Costs



## Vision Statement

Leverage advances in Additive Manufacturing Technologies to improve weapon system maintenance and repair capabilities



# SAFGSC AMRRF Organizational Chart

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Air Force Globe Strike Command (AFGSC) & Air Force Engineering and Technical Services (AFETS) organizational chart







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#### AMRRF Location – North Side of MXS Building 7520





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#### AMRRF Layout – North Side of MXS Building 7520







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#### **Equipment Status**



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Project Title	Status	Comp Date	POC	Remarks
Vidmar work surface delivered and installed		10 Oct 2016	MSgt Jack Rick, 28 MXG/WAM	
Lab Test equipment ordered		30 Nov 2016	Ms. April Herington, 28 MXG/RA	Microscope, Load Frame, Vikers hardness tester
GEN III delivered		28 Oct 2016	VRC Metal Systems	
GEN III power and carrier gas booth feed through installed		28 Aug 2016	MSgt Jack Rick, 28 MXG/WAM	
GEN III air line installed in CS booth		2 Oct 2016	Mr. Richard Kenney, 28 CES	
Aquest Corporation. selected to complete PHA		22 Aug 2016	Mr. Steve Roland, Aquest Inc.	
AMRRF PHA awarded		25 Aug 2016	Mr. Brian James, 28 MXG/AFETS	
AMRRF PHA site visit		15 Sep 2016	Mr. Brian James, 28 MXG/AFETS	6-minor discrepancies noted approx. \$20K to correct
AMRRF PHA completed		Est. 24 June 2017	Aquest Corporation	We have received the draft copy





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Project Title	Status	Comp Date	POC	Remarks
Motoman robotic system received and installed		2 Dec 2016	Jon-Russell Groenewegen, UDRI	
Operating Instruction published			Capt Tim Aanerud, 28 AMXS	Should be published by 1 July 2017
RIF contract extended		4 Feb 2017	Vic Champagne ARL/RDRL-WMM-D	This is a no cost 6 month extension
RIF funding extension requested to AFLCMC/EZP		N/A	Ms. Debbie Naguy, AFLCMC/EZP	Requested \$700K – expected to receive \$500K
AMRRF annual budget submitted to AFLCMC/EZP			Ms. Debbie Naguy, AFLCMC/EZP	Requested \$1.1M/annually
AMRRF FY17 CAM Request		1 Oct 16	Ms. Debbie Naguy, AFLCMC/EZP	It was approved by the Chief Engineer, Jeff Vaughn and the finance personnel
AMRRF FY17 CAM contracting/funds distribution mechanism			Ms. Debbie Naguy, AFLCMC/EZP	

Complete **V** On-track **V** Minor Disruption **V** Major Disruption



## **Ellsworth AMRRF Operating Budget**

### Annually



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### Projected on-going support requirements and costs – Labor,

equipment and tools, materials and consumables

**RDH** Inputs (Monthly Recurring Costs) - 1 Engineer/1 Technician \$15,000 - Prototyping/Testing/Evaluation/Qualification \$14,000 - Fixtures/Materials/Machining (C633 Samples/Spray Coupons) \$11,000 - GEN III Operating Costs \$3,000 - Carrier Gas (Helium/Nitrogen) \$7,500 - Consumables (Hoses/Nozzles/Powder/Etc.) \$20,000 - Tooling \$3,000 - General & Administrative \$6,000 - Training \$2,000 - Misc. (Shipping & Handling) \$2.500 Total Monthly Cost \$84,000 X12 Months





## **RIF Candidate Parts**

**B-1 Forward Equipment Bay (FEB) Panel** 

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Chafing Wear on **Operational Panel** 8 panels per aircraft Four panels per side Lt and Rt sides CS Repaired June 2012 5+ Years, 2363 Flight Hours

Al 2024, composite bonded stiffened skin panel

- Al 6061 Repair Developed
- Tested 2014
  - Adhesion, Tensile, Micro Exam, Impact
    - •AFRL Test Report
    - •2 tests identified but since have been determined to be acceptable

(backside impact & ductility)

- Technical analysis Complete
- Additional tests added 2016
  - •Wear
  - Corrosion
  - Additional Impact Samples
  - ECD: July 2016



## **RIF Candidate Parts**

**B-1 Hydraulic Tubing Chafing Prevention** 

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- •CP Ti Repair Developed tested 2009-11
- Operational wear test since that time
- Ti 3AI 2.5V process requested
  - Obtained powder
  - Unable to identify qualification requirements
- Switched back to Cp Ti
- New Test plan cut down to fewer tests done on actual tubing
  - Adhesion, Micro, hardness
  - Wear Detection
  - Burst
  - Hydraulic Impulse
  - Pressurized rotating beam
  - ECD August 2016



Chafing Point Wear Tested



CS Applied Jan 2011 (2 A/C) 6+ Years 5379 Combined Flt Hrs







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## **Ellsworth AMRRF Projected Parts Flow**

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Ellsworth \$6,150,400





	NOMICLATORE	QUANTI	ESTIMATED SAVINGS	METAL STSTEMS
	B-1 FEB PANELS	15	~\$3.4 Million	
	B-1 HYDRUALIC CHAFFING OVERLAY	200	Mission Support Increase	MOOG
	B-1 BOMB RACKS	10	~\$340,000	NOOG
	B-1 FUEL COOLING	6	~\$48,000	
	B-1 AEB PANELS	21	~\$2.6 Million	
	B-1 MISCELLANEOUS AIRCRAFT			
	COMPONENTS	~45	~\$1.2 Million	
	B-1 POWERED & NON-POWERED AGE			
	(MISCELLANEOUS PARTS)	~50	~\$100,000 + Mission Support	
			Increase	the second of
	AFGSC LATERIAL SUPPORT			
	ICBM CHAFFING PERVENTION	Unknown		
	ROTORY WING SUPPORT AIRCRAFT	Unknown		
	B-52 MISCELLANOUS PANEL REPAIR	Unknown	Potential Annual S	Savings
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### **Process Hazard Analysis**



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### Review Cold Spray Safety Report

**Dust Hazard Analysis** 

- Written report (Draft Form)
  - Completed 11 October 2016
- Recommendations implementation plan



- 6 Immediate Action Items Required for NFPA Compliance
  - ① Dust Level sensor & micro-switch into red BOSS secondary explosion damper (NFPA 69)
  - 2 Installation of three 8" dia. hard-pipe connections from dust collector hoppers (NFPA 69)
  - ③ Placard the dust collector and outdoor locations with appropriate warning signage (NFPA 484)
  - ④ Amerex ABC dry-chemical suppression system should be clearly marked (NFPA 484)
  - S The entire dust collection system, including ductwork and filters must be completely bonded and grounded (NFPA 77)
  - In-line fixed curved blade spark suppressor assembly to thoroughly agitate / disrupt laminar gas flow in the booth exhaust duct (NFPA 484) (install slated for 16 June 2017)





Key Requirements



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### Facility & Installation:

- Operational 1 July 2017
- Implement PHA NFPA Compliance requirements
- Integrate Robot and VRC GEN III Cold Spray Equipment
- Develop Funding Procurement Procedures



### Equipment Maintenance & Repair:

- Develop Maintenance Manuals
- Develop Training Procedures
  - Provided by equipment vendors according to 28 BW Operating Instruction



Key Requirements



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### **Operation:**

- Complete testing on RIF components
  - CET process completed for the initial powder/substrate interaction expected by July 2017
- Focus on repair of AGE and other support equipment until CET process is complete
- Develop Component Induction and Validation Processes
- Exercise all functions required to operate on a federal installation
  - Operating Instructions
  - AFOSH Standard compliance
  - HAZCOM operations
    - Safety, fire prevention, bio-environmental



## **AMRRF Implementation Strategy**



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### 3 Phase Plan

### Phase 1 – Facility Start up

- Utilize existing Contractor procedures and processes for operating the facility until AF personnel system authorizes the manpower slots and AFSCs for trained Air Force personnel.
- Ensures Equipment and Process are fully Debugged and Operational
- Phase 2 Facility Operation and Training Program Development
  - Combined Contractor and AF Personnel Running facility and developing the training plan
  - Train first Round of AF Personnel
- Phase 3 Facility Operation
  - AF Run with Contractor support









Ellsworth facility is up and running!

- The Ellsworth facility is not just for B-1 parts. If you are a DOD entity and are interested in leveraging CS technology, we can help!
- Ellsworth paved the way for CS at the operational unit level. We know the roadblocks and pitfalls associated with setting up and operating a facility on a federal installation. If you are interested in following in Ellsworth's footsteps, we can help you!
- This facility has the potential to save the DOD millions of dollars annually, as well as increase aircraft/equipment availability and decrease part wait times (MICAP hours). This means better support for the warfighter!