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# B-2 sustainment costs

From: "Allen Thomson"  
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Northrop Grumman Corp., Pico Rivera, Calif., is being awarded a \$2,700,000,000 indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract to provide for the Flexible Acquisition and Sustainment Team (FAST) program in support of the B-2 aircraft from Sept. 17, 1999 through Sept. 16, 2005. This program will provide the continuing support necessary to fulfill the mission, conduct operations, and endure the combat capabilities of the aircraft. Expected contract completion date is Sept. 16, 2005 with three, three year options for a possible total of 15 years. Solicitation issue date was March 31, 1999. Negotiation completion date was Aug. 23, 1999. Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, is the contracting activity (F33657-99-D-0028).

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Lessee: that's about \$25M per airplane per year. I'd guess that this is only a part, though perhaps the larger part, of the costs of keeping the B-2 flyable.

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