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Air Force Makes Cigar-shaped Craft

By MICHAEL WHITE
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LOS ANGELES (Sept. 3) - It's made of the same stuff as golf clubs, shaped like a cigar and reusable. It's the Space Maneuver Vehicle - the future of Air Force reconnaissance.

The Air Force and the <A HREF="<http://www.boeing.com/>">Boeing Co. designed the crewless craft to perform reconnaissance and put small satellites into orbit. The military says it will give it more flexibility in gathering intelligence.

'It's one of a number of programs that will define the way the Air Force operates in the next century,' said Mike Matthews, a spokesman for Boeing's Space and Missile Systems Sector in Seal Beach, Calif.

The prototype to be unveiled today was developed under a \$5.3 million contract by Boeing and the Air Force's Phillips Laboratory in Albuquerque, N.M. The cigar-shaped craft with stubby wings is made of graphite, epoxy and aluminum. It is 22 feet long and weighs 2,500 pounds.

The final version of the vehicle will be slightly larger and could be launched into orbit by rocket or a space shuttle. It could carry a 1,200-pound payload, remain in orbit for up to a year and land on its own.

'These would essentially be flyable satellites,' said Rich Garcia, a spokesman for Phillips Laboratory.

Initial flight tests were scheduled to begin in November at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico. The craft will be dropped from a helicopter at 10,000 feet, perform gliding maneuvers and land under its own power.

Planned test flights in space and tests of military applications have not been funded.

The project is related to the Military Spaceplane Program, which involves the development of a larger craft that would take off and fly into orbit without the assistance of a booster rocket.

Last week, the Air Force awarded contracts to Lockheed Martin and Boeing to submit concept designs for the plane, which could be used to deploy the Space Maneuver Vehicle.

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