

Re: Air Force Signs Off on SRB-CEV

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Kim Keller wrote:

> "Ed Kyle" <edkyle99@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> <news:1123849350.775709.97490@xx>
>> That is still tens of \$millions less than an EELV,
>> at least according to Astronautix.com, which says
>> that the basic Medium EELVs now cost \$130-140
>> million. NASA's MRO Atlas V press kit says the
>> launch cost \$90 million, but I wonder about that
>> number. (A nice launch this morning, BTW, at least
>> up to the end of the first Centaur burn).
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> Don't believe Astronautix' numbers; that website has many errors and prices
> are a prime example. A straight D-IV or Atlas V could probably compete with
> Delta II, particularly once USAF totally weans itself off D-II and NASA has
> to assume all program costs.

How about the GAO's numbers?

["http://www.gao.gov/htext/d04778r.html"](http://www.gao.gov/htext/d04778r.html)

They say that EELV "Program and launch costs increased by about \$13.3 billion over the approved 2002 baseline estimate of \$18.8 billion". That's a 71% increase, over the original EELV contract when a straight EELV sold for something in the \$70 million range, which puts both straight EELV models up to the \$120 million plus range today. The GAO report says that the EELV program is getting close to costing as much as Titan IV.

- Ed Kyle

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