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The Boeing Company and United Launch Alliance are pleased to launch the GOES-P satellite, the third spacecraft in a new series of Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellites that will provide advanced Earth observation technology to enhance America's safety and economic security.

The launch of GOES-P is the culmination of a strong partnership among Boeing Defense, Space & Security, NASA, United Launch Alliance, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The GOES team includes thousands of people across the country who have dedicated a substantial portion of their careers to making this program a success.

The multimission GOES series will be a vital contributor to weather, solar, and space operations and science. On board GOES-P will be a highly advanced attitude control system that will foster enhanced instrument performance for improved weather service quality. GOES-P data will add to the global climate change databases of knowledge, embracing many civil and Government environmental forecasting organizations that work to benefit people everywhere and help save lives.

GOES-P will be launched aboard a Delta IV Medium+ (4,2) configuration launch vehicle from Space Launch Complex 37B at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS), Fla., and will be the fifth flight of this configuration and the twelfth flight of the Delta IV family of launch vehicles. United Launch Alliance provides the Delta IV launch vehicle and mission services under a commercial contract administered by Boeing Launch Services. The GOES-P satellite is manufactured by Boeing's Space and Intelligence Systems.

GOES-P will be the third NASA spacecraft to launch on the Delta IV launch vehicle family. Our congratulations to the entire Boeing, ULA, NASA, and NOAA team for your dedicated efforts in achieving this milestone and our thanks to NASA for selecting Boeing and the Delta launch system.

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### **GOES-P Mission Overview**

The multimission Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellites (GOES) series N through P will be a vital contributor to weather, solar, and space operations and science. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Goddard

Space Flight Center selected
Boeing's satellite manufacturing
business, located in El Segundo, Calif.,
for the GOES N-P contract award.
NASA and the National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are
actively engaged in a cooperative program to
expand the existing GOES system, beginning
with the launch of the GOES-N satellite. Goddard
is responsible for procuring, developing, and
testing the spacecraft, instruments, and unique
ground equipment for the next generation of

Earth-observation satellites.

NOAA is responsible for the overall program, funding, system in-orbit operation, and identification of satellite replacement needs. NOAA has operational responsibility for the ground system needed to process and disseminate data from the GOES-P satellite sensors.

### **GOES-P Mission Overview**

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The third of the next-generation GOES space systems, the GOES-P NASA and NOAA mission represents the best of mission integration as Boeing Space & Intelligence Systems and Boeing Launch Services launch the Boeing 601 satellite on board a United Launch Alliance Delta IV Medium+ (4,2) configuration launch vehicle. GOES-P will provide more accurate prediction and tracking of severe storms and other weather phenomena, resulting in earlier and more precise warnings to the public. Supporting NOAA and NASA scientists collecting and analyzing real-time environmental data, as well as the US Coast Guard searching the open seas, GOES-P stands ready as the most advanced multimission weather and Earth-observation satellite ever built for NOAA geosynchronous operations.



### **GOES-P Mission Overview**

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GOES-P will provide enhanced weather monitoring and prediction capability, communications subsystems to rebroadcast data, and space environmental monitoring instruments and sensors from an operational orbital slot of 75 deg or 135 deg West. In addition, the satellite will provide more accurate location of severe storms and other weather phenomena, resulting in earlier and more precise warnings to the public.



### **Search and Rescue**

GOES-P is designed with links that include a search-and-rescue capability to detect distress signals from maritime vessels and aircraft. The added capability allows emergency responders to obtain accurate, real-time information quickly and enables them to deploy appropriate resources to save lives.



### **GOES-P Satellite**

The three-axis Boeing 601 body-stabilized spacecraft design is equipped to enable the GOES-P primary sensors to "stare" at Earth, allowing the instruments to continuously image clouds and monitor Earth's surface and atmospheric temperatures. The satellite capability of the Boeing 601 enables tracking of atmospheric phenomena, ensuring real-time coverage of short-lived dynamic events, such as severe local storms and tropical hurricanes and cyclones, two types of meteorological events that directly affect public safety, property, and ultimately, economic health and development.



# **GOES-P Satellite**

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Pay	load	Power		
S-Band L-Band UHF	One downlink Five uplinks Seven downlinks One downlink Two uplinks	Solar Beginning of life End of life Panels	2.3 kW 2 kW One wing, with one panel of dual-junction, gallium arsenide solar cells	
		Batteries	24-cell NiH <sub>2</sub> , 123 Ah	
Propulsion		Dimensions		
Liquid apogee motor Stationkeeping thruste (bipropellant)	110 lbf (490 N) er 12 x 2 lbf (9 N)	In Orbit	L, solar array: 26 ft 9 in (8.2 m) W, antenna: 7 ft 4 in x 11 ft (2.25 m x 3.37 m)	
Antennas Two S-band, cup-shaped with dipole One Omni antenna (aft)		Stowed	H: 12 ft (3.63 m) W: 7 ft 4 in x 11 ft	
		Weights	(2.25 m x 3.37 m)	
One UHF, cup-shaped with dipole 2 L-band cup-shaped with dipole One S-band horn		Launch In orbit (beginning of life)	7,136 lbm (3,238 kg) 4,823 lbm (2,189 kg)	

# **Spacecraft Instruments**

#### **Imager**

The terrestrial imager is a multispectral five-channel instrument that produces visible and infrared images of Earth's surface, oceans, cloud cover, and severe storm developments.

#### Sounder

The multispectral sounder provides vertical temperature and moisture profiles of the atmosphere, augmenting data from the imager. Sounder data are also used in computer models, which produce mid- and long-range weather forecasts.

#### Solar X-ray Imager

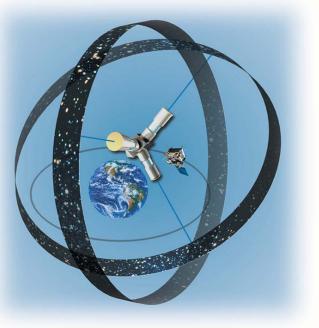
In addition to the terrestrial imager, GOES-P incorporates a sophisticated solar X-ray imager that will monitor the Sun's X-rays for the early detection of solar flares and other phenomena. This early warning is important because solar flares affect not only the safety of humans in high-altitude missions, such as human spaceflight, but also military and commercial satellite communications.

#### Space Environmental Monitoring

The GOES-P satellite is equipped with space environmental monitoring instruments, which monitor X-rays, extreme ultraviolet, and particle emissions—including solar protons, alpha particles, and electrons. These space environmental monitoring instruments include a magnetometer that samples the Earth's magnetosphere.

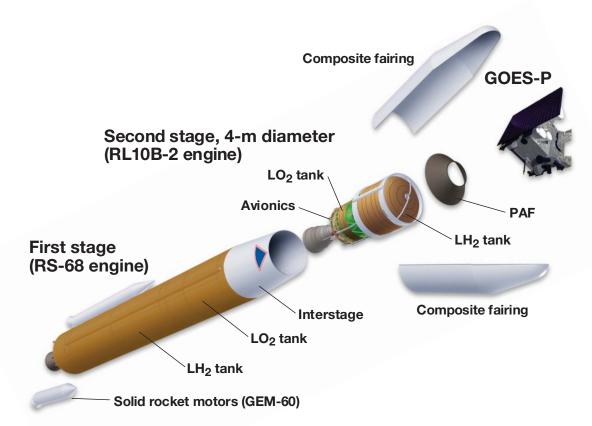
### Star Tracker

The GOES P spacecraft will improve image accuracy by a factor of four using a geosynchronous star sensor attitude determination and control system. The star trackers act like small cameras. Two primary sensors and one backup, angled wide (approximately 120 deg) apart, constantly observe their portion of the sky and select the five brightest stars in view. Every 1/10th sec, the trackers send their current collection of five stars to the spacecraft's onboard computer. Factoring the time of day, the computer identifies the readings from its catalog of 5,000 known stars and determines the exact spacecraft position. The onboard computer calculates the difference between the reported star positions and their predicted positions. The computer applies this difference, along with angular rate information from the inertial reference units, to direct speed changes in the four reaction wheels that reorient the spacecraft to the precise desired attitude.



The result is a steady, precisely pointed observation bench that enables the instruments to achieve maximum pointing accuracy.

# **Delta IV M+ (4,2) Launch Vehicle**



# **GOES-P Mission Description**

• Launch date..... March 2010

GOES-P final orbit target

- Orbit apogee altitude..... 18,994 nm

- Orbit perigee altitude ..... 3,576 nm

- Inclination ...... 12.0 deg

• Launch window (EDT)......

Date	Open	Close	Duration	Date	Open	Close	Duration
3/1/2010	18:19	19:19	1:00	3/14/2010	18:08	19:08	1:00
3/2/2010	18:19	19:19	1:00	3/15/2010	18:07	19:07	1:00
3/3/2010	18:18	19:18	1:00	3/16/2010	18:06	19:06	1:00
3/4/2010	18:17	19:17	1:00	3/17/2010	18:05	19:05	1:00
3/5/2010	18:17	19:17	1:00	3/18/2010	18:04	19:04	1:00
3/6/2010	18:16	19:16	1:00	3/19/2010	18:03	19:03	1:00
3/7/2010	18:15	19:15	1:00	3/20/2010	18:02	19:02	1:00
3/8/2010	18:14	19:14	1:00	3/21/2010	18:01	19:01	1:00
3/9/2010	18:13	19:13	1:00	3/22/2010	18:00	19:00	1:00
3/10/2010	18:12	19:12	1:00	3/23/2010	17:59	18:59	1:00
3/11/2010	18:11	19:11	1:00	3/24/2010	17:58	18:58	1:00
3/12/2010	18:10	19:10	1:00	3/25/2010	17:57	18:57	1:00
3/13/2010	18:09	19:09	1:00	3/26/2010	17:56	18:56	1:00

# **Flight Mode Description**

#### Liftoff to SECO-1

- The GOES-P spacecraft will be launched from the Eastern Range Space Launch Complex 37B at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station
- Flight azimuth of 95 deg
- Direct flight azimuth mode employed (combined pitch/yaw)
- Both GEMs ignited at liftoff
- Boost trajectory designed to meet controllability, structural, and environmental constraints while maximizing performance
- RS-68 engine begins to throttle down at 210 sec
  - The time duration to throttle from 102 to 57% is 5 sec
  - 3.99 g's nominal
- Main engine cutoff occurs at propellant depletion; approximately 266.7 sec after liftoff
- Payload fairing jettisoned ~10 sec after second-stage ignition
  - Free molecular heating rate is much less than maximum allowable
- Second-stage first burn inserts vehicle into a 100.55 by 298.57 nm orbit with an inclination of 28.4 deg at SECO-1
  - Total first burn time of ~470 sec
  - Elevation angle from Antigua tracking station is 2.0 deg
  - Slant range from Antigua tracking station is 808 nm

# **Sequence of Events**

### **Liftoff to SECO-1**

Event	Time (hr:min:sec)	Time (sec)
Stage I Liftoff	00:00:00.0	0.0
Begin Near-Zero Angle-of-Attack Flight	00:00:18.0	18.0
Mach Number = 1.05	00:00:47.5	47.5
Maximum Dynamic Pressure	00:01:00.7	60.7
(Two) GEM-60 Burnout (TVC Nozzle)	00:01:34.1	94.1
Jettison (Two) GEM-60 Casings (TVC Nozzle)	00:01:40.0	100.0
End Near-Zero Angle-of-Attack Flight	00:02:04.0	124.0
Maximum Fairing Skin Temperature	00:03:16.4	196.4
Initiate Booster Throttle-Down	00:03:30.0	210.0
Maximum Axial Acceleration	00:03:30.0	210.0
Booster Throttle at Minimum Power Level (MPL)	00:03:35.0	215.0
FMHR = 360 Btu/ft <sup>2</sup> /hr	00:04:17.4	257.4
Main Engine Cutoff	00:04:26.7	266.7
End Main Engine Tailoff	00:04:28.3	268.3
Stage I-II Separation	00:04:32.7	272.7
Begin Prestart Chilldown	00:04:40.2	280.2
Stage II Ignition Signal	00:04:47.2	287.2
End Prestart Chilldown	00:04:47.2	287.2
Jettision Fairing	00:04:57.5	297.5
Ivory Coast IIP Standoff Longitude	00:11:54.9	714.9
Last Point of IIP Trace	00:12:19.4	739.4
Begin Post-SECO-1 Hydrazine Settling	00:12:37.2	757.2
First Cutoff - Stage II (SECO-1)	00:12:37.4	757.4

# Flight Mode Description

#### SECO-1 to SECO-2

- Two hydrazine settling thrusters are on during the 568-sec coast period
- Continuous Venting System (CVS) is on from 2 sec after SECO-1 until 133 sec prior to first restart ignition (begin repressurization)
- Coast guidance mode reorients launch vehicle for first restart
- The first restart ignition occurs 628 sec after SECO-1
  - Pitch maneuver begins 6 sec into restart burn
- The first restart burn duration is ~242 sec, placing the vehicle in a 108.7 nm by 18,477 nm orbit at 26.7-deg inclination

# **Sequence of Events**

### **SECO-1 to SECO-2**

Event	Time (hr:min:sec)	Time (sec)
First Cutoff – Stage II (SECO-1) Begin LH <sub>2</sub> Boiloff/Propulsive Venting Hydrazine Settling – Two Thrusters Off Begin Restart Burn Attitude Maneuver End LH <sub>2</sub> Boiloff/Propulsive Venting Hydrazine Settling – All Four Thrusters On End Restart Burn Attitude Maneuver Begin Prestart Chilldown First Restart – Stage II End Prestart Chilldown End Post-SECO-1 Hydrazine Settling Begin Stage II Restart 1 Pitch Program End Stage II Restart 1 Pitch Program Begin Post-SECO-2 Hydrazine Settling Second Cutoff – Stage II (SECO-2)	00:12:37.4 00:12:39.4 00:13:07.4 00:13:07.4 00:20:52.1 00:22:35.1 00:22:35.1 00:22:47.1 00:23:05.1 00:23:10.1 00:23:11.1 00:27:07.3 00:27:07.3 00:27:07.5	757.4 759.4 787.4 787.4 1252.1 1355.1 1355.1 1367.1 1385.1 1385.1 1390.1 1391.1 1627.3 1627.3

## Flight Mode Description

#### SECO-2 to SECO-3

- Following SECO-2, the vehicle is reoriented to the required 90 +5/-15 deg with respect to (wrt) Sun line Passive Thermal Control (PTC) attitude
- Barbeque roll rate of +1.295 deg/s for 6,039.5-sec duration followed 5 sec later by a barbeque roll rate of -1.3 deg/s for 6,033.5 sec
- 10.5 sec after the end of the PTC maneuver, a roll-pitch-yaw rate sequence is initiated to orient the vehicle to the second restart burn attitude
- The second restart ignition occurs at 15,001.0 sec after liftoff, within view of Guam tracking station
- The second restart burn duration is ~56 sec, placing the vehicle in a 3,547 nm by 18,992 nm orbit at 12.1-deg inclination

# **Sequence of Events**

#### SECO-2 to SECO-3

Event	Time (hr:min:sec)	Time (sec)
Second Cutoff – Stage II (SECO-2) Begin LH <sub>2</sub> Boiloff/Propulsive Venting Hydrazine Settling – Two Thrusters Off End Post-SECO-2 Hydrazine Settling End LH <sub>2</sub> Boiloff/Propulsive Venting Begin Coast Phase Roll Program Begin Passive Thermal Control (BBQ) Begin LH <sub>2</sub> Boiloff/Propulsive Venting End First Roll Rate – Coast Phase Begin Second Roll Rate – Coast Phase Begin Second Roll Rate – Coast Phase End Second Roll Rate – Coast Phase Begin Prestart Hydrazine Settling End Passive Thermal Control (BBQ) Begin Restart Burn Attitude Maneuver End LH <sub>2</sub> Boiloff/Propulsive Venting End Restart Burn Attitude Maneuver Begin Prestart Chilldown Hydrazine Settling – All Four Thrusters On Second Restart – Stage II End Prestart Chilldown End Prestart Chilldown End Prestart Hydrazine Settling Begin Post-SECO-3 Hydrazine Settling	00:27:07.5 00:27:09.5 00:27:37.5 00:35:21.5 00:35:21.5 00:36:48.0 00:40:31.5 02:17:27.5 02:17:32.5 03:58:06.0 03:58:06.0 03:58:06.0 03:58:16.5 04:04:59.0 04:05:50.0 04:05:58.0 04:10:01.0 04:10:01.0 04:10:06.0 04:10:56.5 04:10:56.7	1627.5 1629.5 1657.5 2121.5 2121.5 2208.0 2208.0 2431.5 8247.5 8252.5 14286.0 14286.0 14286.0 14296.5 14699.0 14750.0 14938.0 15001.0 15001.0 15006.0 15056.5

## Flight Mode Description

#### **SECO-3 to Spacecraft Separation**

- 30 sec after SECO-3, a pitch-yaw maneuver (coast guidance) starts, which begins to orient the vehicle to the required spacecraft separation attitude
  - Maneuver performed under zero axial thrust condition to allow the propellants to float freely and quench the hot tank walls
- 80.5 sec after SECO-3, a roll-pitch-yaw maneuver (coast guidance) begins to complete reorientation to the required separation attitude
- Low relief venting is enabled after completion of reorientation maneuver;
   venting is disabled 2.0 sec prior to payload separation
- Payload separation occurs 630 sec after SECO-3 at the required attitude and within view of Guam tracking station

- Time after liftoff: 15,686.7 sec

- Apogee altitude: 18,994 nautical mile (nm)

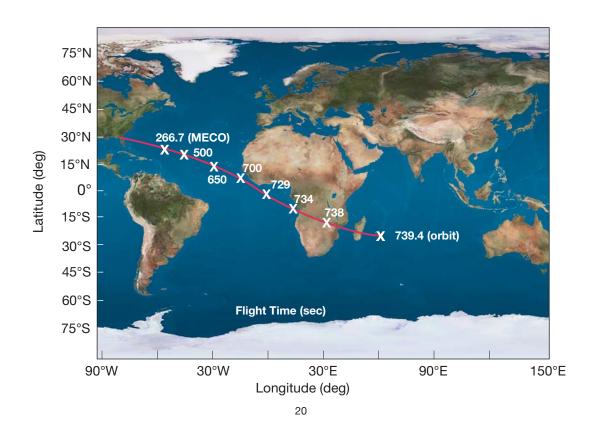
Perigee altitude: 3,576 nmInclination: 12.0 deg

# **Sequence of Events**

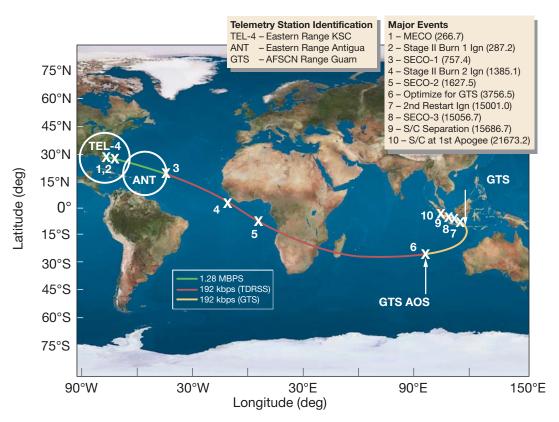
### **SECO-3 to Spacecraft Separation**

Event	Time (hr:min:sec)	Time (sec)
Third Cutoff – Stage II (SECO-3)	04:10:56.7	15056.7
Begin LH <sub>2</sub> Boiloff/Propulsive Venting	04:10:58.7	15058.7
End Post-SECO-3 Hydrazine Settling	04:11:26.7	15086.7
End LH <sub>2</sub> Boiloff/Propulsive Venting	04:11:26.7	15086.7
Begin Separation Attitude Maneuver	04:11:26.7	15086.7
End Separation Attitude Maneuver	04:16:16.7	15376.7
Begin Hydrazine Settling – Two Thrusters On	04:16:26.7	15386.7
Begin LH <sub>2</sub> Boiloff/Propulsive Venting	04:16:46.7	15406.7
Begin Third Roll Rae - Coast Phase	04:17:16.7	15436.7
Begin Fourth Roll Rate - Coast Phase	04:17:30.7	15450.7
Begin Fifth Roll Rate - Coast Phase	04:17:42.7	15462.7
Begin Sixth Roll Rate - Coast Phase	04:17:54.7	15474.7
Begin Seventh Roll Rate - Coast Phase	04:18:06.7	15486.7
Begin Eighth Roll Rate - Coast Phase	04:18:18.7	15498.7
End LH <sub>2</sub> Boiloff/Propulsive Venting	04:21:24.7	15684.7
End Hydrazine Settling	04:21:24.7	15684.7
Spacecraft Separation	04:21:26.7	15686.7

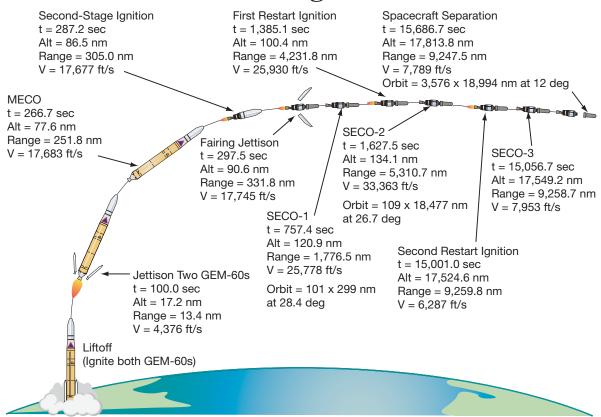
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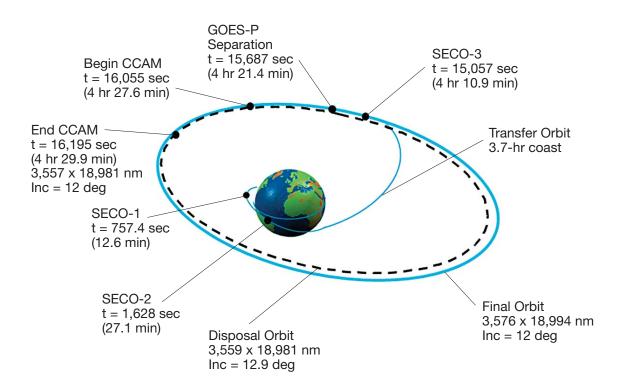
### **GOES-P Orbit Trace**



# **GOES-P Flight Profile**

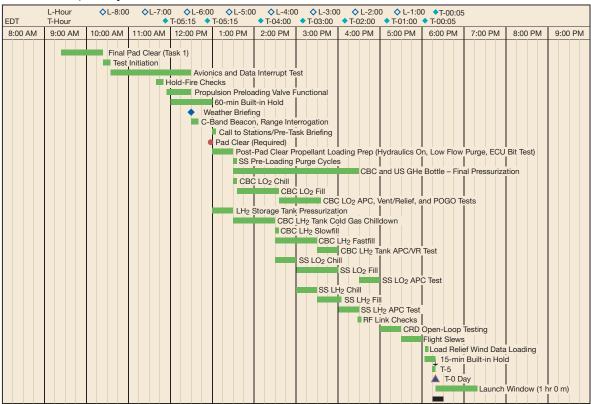


# **Delta IV M+ (4,2) GOES-P Mission Profile**

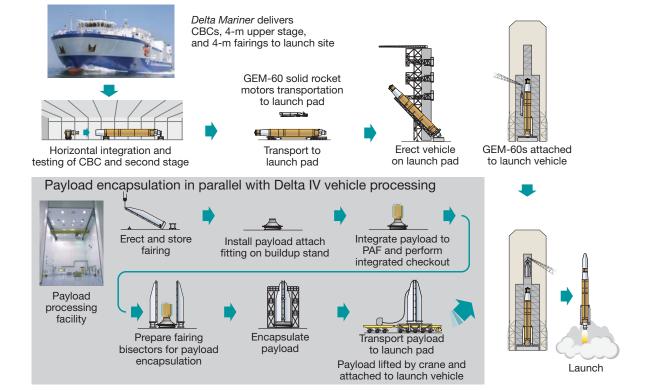


### **CCAFS GOES-P Mission**

#### **Terminal Count, T-0 Day**



# **Delta IV Hardware Flow at Eastern Range**





Notes:



Boeing Launch Services