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News Release

TASC Supports Inaugural Minotaur IV Rocket Launch

Chantilly, VA — May 26, 2010 — With the goal of delivering a capable and cost-effective space launcher, the first Minotaur IV rocket successfully launched at 4 p.m. PDT on April 22, 2010, from Space Launch Complex-8, at Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA. The rocket deployed the DARPA Hypersonic Technology Vehicle 2 (HTV-2a) into a suborbital trajectory, allowing the air vehicle to glide through the Earth's upper atmosphere at very high speeds. TASC is a key player in the joint program which developed the Minotaur IV family of launch vehicles.

"The TASC Rocket Systems Launch Program (RSLP) team provided independent mission assurance and launch site and engineering support for the new Minotaur IV systems, as well as the government-furnished Peacekeeper rocket motors," explained Eric Anderson, TASC project manager. "Our HTV-2a TASC team helped resolve numerous technical challenges leading up to the first launch of the Minotaur IV launch vehicle. Their tireless efforts allowed us to overcome many unique challenges."

The Minotaur IV "Lite" launch vehicle used on HTV-2a consists of the first three rocket motor stages from decommissioned Peacekeeper intercontinental ballistic missiles. Orbital Sciences Corporation, the launch vehicle contractor, provided the new and upgraded structures, electronics, and software used to fly the Peacekeeper rocket motors.

Future Minotaur IV missions will include additional options such as commercial solid fuel rocket upper stages and a hydrazine propulsion and attitude control system. The Orbital/Suborbital Program 2 provides the Minotaur family of launch vehicles. The U.S. Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center, Space Development and Test Wing's Launch Test Squadron located at Kirtland AFB, NM, manages the program.

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