

**VOLUME 11A, CHAPTER 13: “DOD SUPPORT TO UNITED STATES  
COMMERCIAL SPACE ACTIVITIES”**

**SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES**

Changes are identified in this table and also denoted by [blue font](#).

Substantive revisions are denoted by an \* symbol preceding the section, paragraph, table, or figure that includes the revision.

Unless otherwise noted, chapters referenced are contained in this volume.

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The previous version dated [April 2019](#) is archived.

PARAGRAPH	EXPLANATION OF CHANGE/REVISION	PURPOSE
All	Administrative updates in accordance with the Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation Revision Standard Operating Procedures.	Revision
2.0	Revised language to include space vehicle launch operations, vehicle re-entry, and recovery.	Revision
3.1.2	Updated space launch services to include charging indirect costs to commercial customers, per the fiscal year (FY) 2024 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).	Addition
3.3	Updated fixed price estimates to include indirect costs, per the FY 2024 NDAA.	Addition

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## CHAPTER 13

**DOD SUPPORT TO UNITED STATES COMMERCIAL SPACE ACTIVITIES**

## 1.0 GENERAL

## 1.1 Purpose

This chapter provides reimbursable policy for the provision of Department of Defense (DoD) support to [United States \(U.S.\)](#) commercial space activities. This chapter applies to all DoD Components that provide support to [the U.S. commercial sector in the development of U.S. commercial space](#) launch operations and other related U.S. commercial space activities.

## 1.2 Authoritative Guidance

The reimbursable policy and related requirements promulgated throughout this chapter are in accordance with the applicable provisions of:

1.2.1. [Title 51, United States Code \(U.S.C.\), sections 50901 - 50923](#) (51 U.S.C. §§ 50901 - 50923) Commercial Space Launch Activities;

1.2.2. [51 U.S.C. §§ 50501 - 50506](#), Commercial Space Competitiveness; and

1.2.3. DoD Directive, [\(DoDD\) 3230.3](#), DoD Support for Commercial Space Launch Activities.

## \*2.0 DEFINITIONS

## 2.1 Commercial

As defined under [51 U.S.C. § 50501](#), the term “commercial” means having private capital at risk, with primary financial and management responsibility for the activity residing with the U.S. commercial sector.

## 2.2 Direct Costs

As defined under [51 U.S.C. § 50913](#) and [DoDD 3230.3](#), the term “direct costs” includes those actual costs (including salaries of U.S. civilian and contractor personnel) incurred by DoD as a result of use of its space-related facility or resource by the U.S. commercial sector. These costs are reflective of costs that would not be borne by DoD in the absence of such use by the U.S. commercial sector [for space launch](#). These costs also include specific wear and tear and property damage incurred by the DoD as related to the [space vehicle launch and recovery](#).

## 2.3 Indirect Costs

The term “indirect costs” includes the actual costs of maintaining, operating, upgrading, and modernizing the DoD space-related facility.

## 2.4 DoD Space Launch Property

As defined under 51 U.S.C. § 50902 and DoDD 3230.3, DoD space launch property consists of items built for, or used to perform space launch operations [space vehicle re-entry, recovery](#), and other space-related activities.

## 2.5 DoD Space Launch Services

As defined under 51 U.S.C. § 50902 and DoDD 3230.3, DoD space launch services are those activities, including utilities, otherwise not needed for public use, involved in the preparation of a launch vehicle, its payload for launch, crew (including crew training), or space flight participation for launch, conduct of a launch, [re-entry, and recovery](#).

## 2.6 Property Damage Costs

Property damage costs represent the costs necessary to replace or restore the DoD property, or site, to its condition before the space-related lease/license.

## 3.0 PRICING

### 3.1 Pricing of DoD Space Launch Property and Services

#### 3.1.1. DoD Space Launch Property.

3.1.1.1. Sale or Transfer. DoD space launch property that is excess or otherwise not needed for public use may be sold or transferred in lieu of sale to U.S. commercial sector launch vehicle operators performing commercial space activities (e.g., payload retrieval services, payload processing services). The transaction must be priced to recover direct costs, as defined in paragraph 2.2.

3.1.1.2. Lease/License. DoD space launch property that is excess or otherwise not needed for public use may be leased/licensed, on a non-interference basis, to U.S. commercial sector launch vehicle operators performing commercial space activities. The transaction must be priced to recover direct costs, as defined in paragraph 2.2.

#### \* 3.1.2. DoD Space Launch Services.

3.1.2.1. For DoD space launch services, as defined in paragraph 2.5, the acquisition price represents an amount equal to the direct costs defined in paragraph 2.2.

3.1.2.2. For commercial space launch services, as defined in paragraph 2.5, customers will be charged direct costs and may be charged indirect costs.

### 3.2 Defense Working Capital Fund (DWCF) Activities

Generally, standard prices/stabilized rates must be charged for articles and services provided by activities operating under a DWCF. Refer to Volume 11B, Chapters 11 and 15, for additional details and exceptions.

#### \*3.3 Fixed Price Estimates

Commercial space launch operators may be offered fixed price quotes for the sale of DoD launch services based on reasonable estimates of direct costs only when there is a well-defined contractor requirement and a reliable cost history of similar previous sales. [Indirect costs may also be included.](#)

### 4.0 BILLING

Invoices for support provided by DoD must be completed and transmitted to the U.S. commercial space activity within 30 calendar days after the month in which [the](#) performance occurred. The payment due date must be no more than 30 days from the date of the invoice.

### 5.0 DISPOSITION OF COLLECTIONS

#### 5.1 Proceeds from DWCF Activities

Proceeds from the sale of articles and services from DWCF activities must be deposited to the DWCF.

#### 5.2 Proceeds from Non-DWCF Activities

Proceeds from the sale of DoD launch property by a non-DWCF activity must be:

5.2.1. Credited to the general fund of the U.S. Treasury as miscellaneous receipts when the launch property is not to be replaced.

5.2.2. Deposited to the DoD appropriation account or fund, currently available for the procurement of the launch property, if the launch property is to be replaced.

#### 5.3 Proceeds Deposits for License of Launch Property and Leases

Proceeds from the license of launch property must be deposited to the DoD appropriation account or fund currently available for financing the direct costs incurred. Proceeds from leases must be credited to the general fund of the U.S. Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

#### 5.4 Proceeds Deposits from the Sale of Launch Services

Proceeds from the sale of DoD launch services must be deposited to the DoD appropriation account or fund that financed the provisioning of those launch services. These proceeds must be credited to the fiscal year in which the DoD Component provided the services.