

## Snapshot

### HEAVY LIFTING

A Delta IV rocket carrying a classified satellite for the U.S. National Reconnaissance Office lifts off from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida Nov. 21. The Delta IV Heavy, which was developed by Boeing and launched by the United Launch Alliance, is the most powerful liquid-fuel rocket available today. It can generate more than 2 million pounds (9,000 kilonewtons) of thrust and launch payloads of up to 24 tons (22 metric tons) into low Earth orbit, or 11 tons into a geosynchronous orbit. Standing 235 feet (72 meters) tall, the Delta IV Heavy consists of three Common Booster Core rockets. PHOTO: U.S. AIR FORCE



## Quotables

“This program is very quickly becoming the Department of Defense and industry standard for how to do acquisition right.”

– U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Steve Eastburg, talking about the P-8A Poseidon at the opening of a new facility near Boeing Field in Seattle, where mission systems will be installed on the modified 737s.

“I believe the 787 will be every bit as important, and maybe even more important, to the future of this company than the 707 was to Boeing at the dawn of the jet age.”

– Jim McNerney, Boeing chairman, president and CEO, speaking Nov. 11 at the Wings Club in New York City.