

Office of the Secretary of Defense
Release on F-22 procurement funding
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F-22 Advance Procurement ADM has been signed by Undersecretary John Young.

This ADM allows for the procurement of parts support for 4 aircraft beyond the 183 total F-22's that DoD has already contracted for.

Here are the key comments from Mr. Young [Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics]:

- The initial Air Force POM and the draft Defense Department budget do not include F-22 aircraft.
- Secretary Gates and Secretary England have endorsed bridging the F-22 program for consideration by the next administration.
- DoD plans to seek funds for 4 F-22's in the next Supplemental.
- This F-22 ADM directs the Air Force to take steps to spend up to \$50 M for Advanced Procurement associated with 4 F-22 aircraft.
- These funds provide a bridge to a January decision by the next administration.
- In January, the next administration can decide to obligate additional advanced procurement funds, up to the Congressional \$140 M ceiling, to support up to 20 F-22 aircraft.
- Industry has indicated that 4 aircraft of Advance Procurement now, and additional Advance Procurement in January, will bridge the F-22 line with little or no additional cost to the taxpayer if additional F-22's are purchased.
- Expenditure of all remaining F-22 AP funds must, per Congressional direction, await a Presidential certification on the F-22 program. (Presidential Certification to Congress is required by Section 134 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY2009.)