Bomber Efficiency

Bombers and existing standoff weapons are less costly to acquire, operate, and support than building new long-range, ground-launched weapons. How total costs compare for B-52s vs. new ground-launched missiles:

1. Starting costs for bomber based on 30-year operations and sustainment cost of B-52.
2. Starting cost for missile battery based on acquisition, operation, and sustainment cost of new missile launchers.

Table does not include cost of C2ISR for ground battery or logistics support for deployed batteries.