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**HOEVEN: NDAA STRENGTHENS MINOT AIR FORCE BASE MISSIONS  
Fiscal Year 2017 National Defense Authorization Act Highlights**

- **Helicopters: \$18 million authorized to start Huey replacement program**
  - **Air Force will conduct full competition for UH-1N replacement**
    - Request for proposal released on December 2, 2016; award expected in FY18
    - Contract will be for up to 84 helicopters, including ICBM and homeland defense/continuity of government missions
    - Air Force budget currently projects \$59 million in FY19 to build a new Tactical Response Facility to support helicopter mission
  - **Air Force confirms full competition is the fastest path to fielding a new helicopter (options on Army Blackhawk contract expired in June 2016)**
  
- **ICBMs: Full authorization for current and next generation ICBMs**
  - Existing Minuteman III: \$637.4 million for upgrades and sustainment
  - Ground Based Strategic Deterrent (GBSD): \$113 million to begin new ICBM development program
  
- **B-52s: Full authorization for B-52 modernization and sustainment**
  - Total of \$215.4 million in authorization, including a continuation of programs to improve B-52 communications equipment and upgrades to the internal weapons bay, as well as authorization for new multi-year upgrades. These include the beginning of a radar modernization program and replacing GPS systems.
  
- **New Bomber: \$1.36 billion authorized for new B-21 bomber work**
  
- **Full authorization for Air-Launched Cruise Missile (ALCM) & Long Range Stand Off (LRSO)**
  - \$22.2 million authorized for ALCM sustainment
  - \$95.6 million authorized for LRSO

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