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## HYPERSONIC WEAPONS

### **DOD Should Clarify Roles and Responsibilities to Ensure Coordination across Development Efforts**

#### **What GAO Found**

GAO identified 70 efforts to develop hypersonic weapons and related technologies that are estimated to cost almost \$15 billion from fiscal years 2015 through 2024 (see figure). These efforts are widespread across the Department of Defense (DOD) in collaboration with the Department of Energy (DOE) and, in the case of hypersonic technology development, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). DOD accounts for nearly all of this amount.