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The Boeing X-32B Joint Strike Fighter concept-demonstrator aircraft July 1 completed all of its governmentdefined requirements by conducting the program's first short takeoffs at Naval Air Station Patuxent River in southern Maryland. The aircraft, which has validated the Boeing approach to short-takeoff-and-vertical-landing requirements, will continue flight testing well into this month. It will perform additional takeoffs at shorter runway distances as well as a number of Boeing strategic objectives.

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