Boeing Wins KC-10 Aircrew Training System Contract

The Boeing Company was selected as the winner of the U.S. Air Force KC-10 Aircrew Training System contract. The 10-year contract has a total initial value of about $80 million.

Under the contract, which begins in April 1999, Boeing will provide crewmembers of the KC-10 Extender tanker aircraft with instructor-, computer- and simulator-based training for cockpit procedures, boom operations and cargo loading. In addition, the company will perform courseware development along with maintenance, modification and support of the training devices to ensure concurrency and reliability. This work will take place at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., and Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

"This contract is a key element of our total support concept for the KC-10," said Jim Restelli, vice president and general manager of Aerospace Support. "We bring to bear our knowledge and experience as KC-10 original equipment manufacturer, our innovation in training systems such as Distributed Mission Training, and our dedication to fast cycle time, affordable cost and preeminent quality support."

Under a $1.5 billion contract awarded in June 1998, Boeing performs contractor logistics support for the Air Mobility Command fleet of 59 KC-10 tankers at the Boeing Aerospace Support Center in San Antonio, Texas, as well as at McGuire Air Force Base, Travis Air Force Base, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, and Yokota Air Base, Japan.

In addition, engineering technical services for the KC-10 are managed by Boeing in Midwest City, Okla. These activities include engineering support for Air Force technical inquiries and studies, sustainment of aircraft airworthiness and aircraft modifications.

The Boeing KC-10 Aircrew Training System contract will be performed by Boeing Aerospace Operations, Titusville, Fla.; along with two major suppliers, Thomson Training and Simulation, Inc., Arlington, Texas; and Global Information Systems Technology, Inc., Champaign, Ill.

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