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The Air Force has awarded a five-year contract valued at up to \$86 million to The Boeing Company for research, development, operations, and maintenance work at the Maui Space Surveillance System (MSSS) facility on Haleakala, Maui, Hawaii. The work will be performed by Rocketdyne Technical Services (RTS), a subsidiary of the Laser & Electro Optical Systems (LEOS) unit of Boeing.

The contract is the continuation of a strong relationship Boeing has with the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) based at Kirtland AFB in New Mexico, which manages the Maui operations. The work that Boeing does at the Maui Space Surveillance System supports AFRL efforts in development of laser and electro optic technologies and provides the US Space Command with vital information related to space surveillance and space situational awareness. The Boeing efforts at MSSS also are synergistic with major efforts in the balance of the LEOS unit such as development of high-resolution near real-time compensated imaging capabilities and electro-optical remote sensing capabilities.

"Since 1990 we have developed a strong and effective relationship with the Air Force team on Maui," said Mark Gabler, Director of Maui Operations for Boeing. "This renewed partnership will enable us continue to help the Air Force by providing quality data products to the War fighter through the advancement of technology in electro-optics and lasers."

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