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The selection of Boeing Australia Limited to provide up to \$300 million of support and upgrade services to Australia's F-111 aircraft is a significant step in the global growth of the Boeing Military Aerospace Support business, the company said today.

"These contracts are representative of the ability of our operations in Boeing Australia Limited to provide innovative support concepts for our customers," said Jim Restelli, president of Military Aerospace Support.

The fastest growing component of the Boeing Military Aircraft and Missile Systems Group, Military Aerospace Support offers comprehensive aircraft and weapon system support products and services around the world, including through international organizations like Boeing Australia Limited.

Australian Minister for Defence John Moore announced Friday that Boeing Australia Limited was selected as the preferred tender to provide long-term support of that country's F-111 aircraft, including maintenance, associated integrated logistic support and future upgrades.

"This is a true example of Boeing globalization," Restelli said. "Boeing Australia Limited brings extensive expertise to provide an indigenous capability to provide life-cycle support for aircraft and weapon systems. Its operational relationship with Military Aerospace Support and our full continuum of support competencies, along with the strength of The Boeing Company as a whole, enables Boeing Australia Limited to fully support its customer needs.

"We will continue to build upon these types of global partnerships to provide cost-effective support for other international customers," he said.

By focusing its modernization and upgrades capabilities; maintenance and modification centers; training services; logistics personnel services; and sustainment data and supply chain management support competencies in the Military Aerospace Support business, Boeing is the only major airframe manufacturer with an integrated organization structured to provide total life-cycle customer support for military aircraft and weapons systems.

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