

Royal Saudi Air Force Orders Boeing F-15C Distributed Mission Training Systems

The Boeing Company booked the first international sale of its F-15C Distributed Mission Training (DMT) system when it recently signed a foreign military sales contract to provide DMT systems to the Royal Saudi Air Force.

The contract has an approximate value of \$50 million plus options.

Based on the successful U.S. Air Force F-15C DMT systems, which currently equip Mission Training Centers at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and Langley Air Force Base, Va., the systems for the Royal Saudi Air Force will provide effective squadron-level training at three separate Royal Saudi Air Force bases.

Each base will receive two full-fidelity aircrew training devices. The aircrew trainers are networked to allow two pilots to "fly" together, providing realistic mission rehearsal and proficiency training.

The systems also include the Boeing-developed 360-degree Visual Integrated Display System (VIDS), the Boeing BigTac combat environment server, desktop trainers, local networking environment and contractor logistics support.

Delivery of the systems is scheduled for the second quarter of 2003.

"These devices combine the highest levels of realism, reliability and affordability for extraordinarily effective mission training," said Keith Hertenberg, vice president and general manager of Training Systems and Services, part of the Boeing Military Aerospace Support business. "I'm confident the Royal Saudi Air Force will realize the same "train as you fight" benefits as the U.S. Air Force has through the F-15C Mission Training Centers."

Boeing has been a partner to the U.S. Air Force in implementing the Distributed Mission Training infrastructure which will create a synthetic battlespace to allow multiple-platform, multiple-location training. The company was awarded a \$333.4 million contract in 1997 for the F-15C Contractor Training Simulation Service program, and has transitioned DMT technologies to C-17, C-5, KC-10 and F-16 training devices as well.

By focusing its training systems and services; modernization and upgrades; maintenance and modification centers; contractor logistics support and services; and spares and technical data 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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