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Boeing Electron Dynamic Devices (EDD), a part of The Boeing Company's [NYSE:BA] Space and Communications business unit, recently received a \$10 million order from Orbital Sciences Corporation [NYSE:ORB] for amplifiers that enhance the transmission of very low-level radio frequency signals from orbiting satellites back to Earth.

The order marks the second contract for EDD's linearized traveling wave tube amplifiers (LTWTA), a recent product enhancement that is added to satellites to ensure clearer communications. EDD is the leading manufacturer of power and propulsion components for space applications.

The contract brings the total amplifiers ordered by Orbital to 96. "In May, we were awarded a contract for 32 amplifiers, with an option for an additional 64," said Charles Toups, general manager of EDD. "In less than a year, Orbital has exercised its option to purchase the additional LTWTAs for a total contract of more than \$15 million. This follow-on order shows that our customers have confidence in us to provide quality, on-time products to meet their needs."

Orbital Sciences is one of the world's leading developers and manufacturers of affordable space systems for commercial, civil government and military customers. The company's primary products include low-orbit, geostationary and planetary spacecraft for communications, scientific and remote sensing missions; ground-and air-launched rockets that deliver satellites into orbit; and missile defense boosters that are used as target and interceptor vehicles. Orbital also offers space-related technical services to government agencies and develops and builds satellite-based transportation management systems for public transit agencies and private vehicle fleet operators.

Boeing Electron Dynamic Devices is a world leader in the design and manufacture of microwave traveling wavetube amplifiers, passive microwave devices, and ion thrusters for commercial and military applications as well as world-class satellite bus and payload electronics.

Boeing Space and Communications (S&C), headquartered in Seal Beach, Calif., is the world's largest space and communications company. A unit of The Boeing Company, S&C provides integrated solutions in launch services, human space flight and exploration, missile defense, and information and communications. It is NASA's largest contractor; a leading provider of space-based communications; the primary systems integrator for U.S. missile defense; and a leading provider of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. The global enterprise has customers worldwide and manufacturing operations throughout the United States and Australia.

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