Boeing Awards Seventh 7E7 Contract to Hamilton Sundstrand

Boeing [NYSE: BA] has selected Hamilton Sundstrand to provide the ram air turbine emergency power system for the all-new 7E7 Dreamliner, the seventh system awarded to the Connecticut-based company.

The ram air turbine, sometimes referred to as the RAT, is an emergency power system designed to provide electric and hydraulic power to the airplane in the event that other power sources are disrupted.

Hamilton Sundstrand is also supplying the 7E7's environmental control system, the electric power generating and start system, the remote power distribution system, the auxiliary power unit, the primary power distribution system and the nitrogen generation system.

"We couldn't be happier with the team we are assembling on the 7E7 program," said Mike Bair, senior vice president of the 7E7 program. "These are proven performers who understand the challenges and expectations we are facing and they are helping us develop solutions for our customers."

7E7

Launched in April 2004, the 7E7 is a family of three airplanes, all of which will use the same engine type. The 7E7-8 Dreamliner will carry 217 passengers in three-classes of seating with a range of up to 8,500 nautical miles (15,700 kilometers). The 7E7-3, a model of the 7E7-8 optimized for shorter flights, will carry 289 passengers in two-class seating on ranges up to 3,500 nautical miles (6,500 kilometers). The 7E7-9, a longer version of the 7E7-8, will carry 257 passengers in three classes with a range of 8,300 nautical miles (15,400 kilometers).

The Dreamliner will provide passengers with a better flying experience including and improved cabin environment with more room and more conveniences.

Hamilton Sundstrand

Hamilton Sundstrand employs about 16,000 at operations around the globe. It is based in Windsor Locks, Connecticut . The company is a leading manufacturer and service provider of aerospace systems and a major supplier of equipment for space exploration.

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