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Boeing [NYSE:BA], a major developer of integrated intelligence solutions, has received a \$5.6 million U.S. Air Force contract to enhance real-time situation awareness in the cockpit .

The system, known as Airborne Broadcast Intelligence (ABI), receives, integrates, and correlates national Intelligence and theater tactical broadcasts aboard various military aircraft, providing timely intelligence to support combat forces.

"This award allows Boeing to continue providing aircrews with real-time monitoring and intelligence, which will allow the crews to respond to threats more quickly and effectively," said John Werle, general manager of Space and Intelligence Systems Mission Systems for Boeing.

ABI provides a situational awareness capability designed to receive, filter, process and display near real-time intelligence over imagery and charts. A Global Positioning System provides map displays of air, land, sea threats, flight paths and high definition mapping.

"This allows flight crews to assess, re-route and avoid real-time threats, like surface to air missiles, in any location world-wide, " Werle said.

Under the contract, 40 additional systems will be delivered to the Air Force for use on various military aircraft, including the C-17 and C-130. Other aircraft where the system could be installed include the C-141, C-5, KC-10 and KC-135. Boeing previously delivered the first 40 ABI systems to the U.S. Air Force.

The Air Force also has the option to add a mobile satellite communications system, called Track II, to the order, with Boeing providing systems integration support.

Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is one of the world's largest space and defense businesses. Headquartered in St. Louis , IDS is a \$27 billion business. It provides systems solutions to its global military, government and commercial customers. It is a leading provider of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support; the world's largest military aircraft manufacturer; the world's largest satellite manufacturer and a leading provider of space-based communications; the primary systems integrator for U.S. missile defense; NASA's largest contractor; and a global leader in satellite launch services.

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