Boeing Receives $8.3 Million Contract for Avenger Gunner Consoles

Boeing [NYSE: BA] received an $8.3 million contract modification from the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command for Avenger gunner consoles. The modification brings the total contract value to $10.7 million and will extend work through October 2008.

The consoles are spare parts for the Avenger short-range air defense fire unit built by Boeing and currently deployed worldwide. The gunner console provides power, circuitry and gunner interface for the Avenger system. Boeing currently builds, integrates and tests the Avenger consoles in Huntsville, Ala.

"The Avenger is an outstanding cooperative effort between Boeing and our Army customer," said Debra Rub, vice president and program director for Boeing Integrated Missile Defense. "Our continuing goal is to ensure world-class support for this critical system."

The Avenger is the U.S. Army's mobile, shoot-on-the-move, short-range air defense system. Armed with Stinger missile s and a 50-caliber machine gun, Avenger provides effective tactical defense and convoy protection against air-breathing targets, cruise missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles.

Boeing is the largest aerospace company in Alabama. Today, the workforce of nearly 3,300 employees perform leading edge work on a broad array of key space and defense programs including the Ground-based Midcourse Defense, International Space Station, Delta Launch Vehicles, Avenger, Arrow and PAC-3 Missile.

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