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Boeing [NYSE: BA] has formed a trans-Atlantic team named "Alliance Shield" to compete for the upcoming NATO Theater Missile Defense Systems Engineering and Integration contract.

Alliance Shield is an international team with demonstrated experience in design, development, integration and deployment of missile defense systems and systems of systems. The team members include BAE Systems of the U.K., Finmeccanica of Italy, Havelsan of Turkey, Lockheed Martin of the U.S., MBDA of France, Italy and the U.K., Prezemyslowy Instytut Telekomunikacji (PIT) of Poland, and Teledyne Brown Engineering, Inc., of the U.S.

Dr. David Martin, formerly the U.S. Missile Defense Agency's deputy for strategic relations, is Alliance Shield's strategic advisor.

In March 2005 the North Atlantic Council approved NATO's new Active Layered Theatre Ballistic Missile Defence program, aimed at providing protection against the threat of ballistic missiles to deployed NATO forces. With approval of that charter, a new NATO program office was formed to procure the NATO theater missile defense capability. The contract is expected to be awarded to an industry team in 2006.

"NATO's progression from theater missile defense studies to capability requires new skills from industry," said Boeing Missile Defense Systems vice president and general manager Pat Shanahan. "In Alliance Shield, NATO will find a world-class international team with significant experience in building and integrating complex systems and working with customers to satisfy their needs. Alliance Shield provides the necessary new thinking and capabilities to support fully NATO's evolving needs. "

Boeing is the prime contractor of the U.S. government's Ground-based Midcourse Defense and Airborne Laser programs. The company also has established missile defense agreements in the United Kingdom, Canada, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Turkey, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Israel, Australia and Japan.

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