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The Government of Singapore awarded Boeing [NYSE:BA] a contract to produce 12 F-15SG aircraft for the country's next generation replacement fighter jet, and an option for eight additional aircraft at a future date.

The F-15SG is an advanced version of the U.S. Air Force's F-15E Strike Eagle.

"We have been working toward this moment for several years and are excited and honored to provide the people of Singapore with the F-15SG, which will be equipped with the most technologically advanced avionics and weapons systems available," said Joe Hoerter, Boeing F-15 Program vice president. "Boeing will begin delivering the aircraft in 2008, which will allow the Republic of Singapore Air Force to begin replacing its retired A-4SU Skyhawks. All 12 aircraft will be delivered in 2008 and 2009."

The F-15SG will greatly enhance the capabilities and operational readiness of the Singapore Armed Forces.

Boeing has produced more than 1,500 F-15s during the past three decades. In addition to the United States, Korea, Japan, Saudi Arabia and Israel operate F-15 fleets.

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