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The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] has announced an agreement with LOUD Engineering and Manufacturing, Inc., to support the proposed HH-47 Combat Search and Rescue helicopter program for the U.S. Air Force.

"The supplier network supporting the HH-47 proposal reduces risk and contributes to our best value solution," said Rick Lemaster, Boeing HH-47 program manager. "LOUD Engineering and Manufacturing represents the solid support and quality our suppliers regularly provide."

CSAR-X is a U.S. Air Force initiative to procure more capable and survivable aircraft able to recover isolated personnel from hostile or denied territory. The tandem rotor, heavy lift, high altitude HH-47 is based on the CH/MH-47 Chinook tandem rotor transport helicopter, with performance capabilities that have been widely demonstrated in the ongoing war on terrorism and in numerous U.S. and international humanitarian relief operations.

"As a long-time supplier of landing gear for the CH/MH-47 Chinook, LOUD Engineering and Manufacturing is extremely proud to be a part of Boeing's CSAR-X team," said Jim Barker, director of Marketing and Sales for LOUD. "We feel the Boeing HH-47 proposal offers an immediate mission-ready answer to the U.S. Air Force's requirements for this vital program."

LOUD Engineering and Manufacturing, Inc., located in Ontario, Calif., is an industry-leading landing gear company. The supplier's capabilities range from initial design through manufacture, assembly and test, as well as overhaul and repair of landing gear and related components for both rotor wing and fixed wing aircraft.

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