

Boeing Announces Supplier Agreement with Kaman Aerospace for Combat Search and Rescue Program

The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] has announced an agreement with Kaman Aerospace -- Helicopters Division to support the proposed HH-47 Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) helicopter program for the U.S. Air Force.

"Kaman Aerospace is representative of the quality and strong support our suppliers bring to the program," said Rick Lemaster, Boeing HH-47 program manager. "The supplier network supporting the HH-47 proposal reduces risk and contributes to our best value solution."

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 an established Boeing supplier, Kaman is proud to continue this relationship by supporting Boeing's interests in the CSAR-X program," said Sal Bordonaro, president, Kaman Aerospace -- Helicopters Division. "The CSAR-X will provide the U.S. Air Force with the much-needed capability to perform its current and future missions."

Kaman Aerospace -- Helicopters Division, located in Bloomfield, Conn., will manufacture the helicopter's aerial refueling probe, a composite, 30-foot tube that provides in-flight refueling capability for long endurance, CSAR mission effectiveness.

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