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The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] has announced an agreement with Telephonics Corporation of Farmingdale, N.Y., to support the proposed HH-47 Combat Search and Rescue helicopter program for the U.S. Air Force.

"Boeing is proud of its HH-47 proposal and supplier network support," said Rick Lemaster, Boeing HH-47 program manager. "Telephonics represents the solid support and quality supplier network supporting the HH-47 proposal, which 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.

"Telephonics is proud to be a member of Boeing's Chinook helicopter team and looks forward to supporting all of its current and future missions," said Phil Nicholas, president of Telephonics' Communication Systems Division.

Telephonics will supply its advanced Secure Digital Intercommunications (SDI) system for the HH-47. SDI is a TEMPEST-qualified system that will manage all of the crew audio communication and radio/navigation resources aboard the aircraft. Telephonics currently is supplying the SDI system to Boeing for the U.S. Army CH-47F/MH-47G Chinook modernization program.

A subsidiary of Griffon Corporation, Telephonics' broad based, high-tech engineering capabilities provide integrated information and communication systems solutions to both domestic and international markets. The company is organized into two operating divisions and one wholly-owned subsidiary, TLSI. Operating under the Telephonics umbrella, TLSI manufactures application-specific integrated circuits for the telecommunications, automotive and industrial security markets.

A unit of The Boeing Company, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is one of the world's largest space and defense businesses. Headquartered in St. Louis, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is a \$30.8 billion business. It provides network-centric system solutions to its global military, government and commercial customers. It is a leading provider of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems; the world's largest military aircraft manufacturer; the world's largest satellite manufacturer; a foremost developer of advanced concepts and technologies; a leading provider of space-based communications; the primary systems integrator for U.S. missile defense; NASA's largest contractor; and a global leader in sustainment solutions and launch services.

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