Boeing Announces Supplier Agreement with Eaton for Combat Search and Rescue Program

The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] has announced an agreement with Eaton Corporation's aerospace division to support the proposed HH-47 Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) helicopter program for the U.S. Air Force.

"Boeing is proud of its HH-47 proposal and supplier network," said Rick Lemaster, Boeing HH-47 program manager. "Eaton represents the solid support and quality our suppliers regularly provide. Their proven performance reduces risk and contributes to our best value solution for the U.S. Air Force."

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 characteristics and capabilities that have been widely demonstrated in the ongoing war on terrorism and in numerous U.S. and international humanitarian relief operations.

"CSAR provides Eaton with an opportunity to continue production of critical components for the next 10 years for one of the best rotorcraft platforms in the world," said Bradley J. Morton, president of Eaton Aerospace.

Eaton Aerospace manufactures and supplies critical flight safety components for the CH-47 Chinook hydraulic system and specialized debris monitoring detection technology for the helicopter's engines and transmission system. Operations in Jackson, Miss; Costa Mesa and Glendale, Calif; Jackson, Mich.; Glenolden, Pa., Bethel, Conn. and Sarasota, Fla., support the production of these complex products.

Headquartered in Irvine, Calif., Eaton Corporation is a leading manufacturer of system and component technologies of hydraulic, electro-hydraulic pump and generator products, and integrated systems; electric motors; aircraft door actuation; flight and flow control; fluid, fuel and air delivery products and systems; nose wheel steering systems; integrated control systems; cockpit controls and displays; power and load management systems; and pressure sensors, seals and fluid health monitoring products and systems. Eaton serves commercial and military aviation, aerospace, military weapons, marine and off-road markets worldwide.

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 and Department of Homeland Security; NASA's largest contractor; and a global leader in sustainment solutions and launch services.
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