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The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] has received a \$1.7 million contract from the U.S. Army's Aviation and Missile Command to transform a retired CH-47D Chinook helicopter into a maintenance training device.

"The new trainer will improve Army maintenance effectiveness by adding the ability to insert simulated 'faults' or 'malfunctions' into maintenance training," said Michael McGaugh, director of rotorcraft training for Boeing Integrated Defense Systems. "This is designed to enhance diagnostics and problem-solving skills for Army technicians."

Boeing will deliver the training system, which includes an instructor operator station as well as hydraulic and electrical power systems, to the U.S. Army National Guard's Eastern Area Aviation Training School at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., in March 2008. The system will support the school's training program for Chinook helicopter maintenance technicians.

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