Boeing to Compete for $1.5 Billion A-10 Wing Contract

The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] will compete for a U.S. Air Force contract valued at up to $1.5 billion over two five-year periods for the manufacture of approximately 200 wing sets for the A-10 fleet.

"Boeing Support Systems has the skilled expertise and engineering know-how to provide the Air Force with a low-risk, low-cost solution that addresses the needs of the A-10 program," said Curt Nothstine, director for Aircraft Sustainment and Modernization for Boeing's Maintenance, Modification and Upgrades business.

The A-10 wing replacement program calls for the replacement wing sets to be delivered in parts and kitted for easy installation. The Air Force is expected to evaluate competitors on past performance capability, total evaluated price and program schedule, before awarding the contract in March.

"Boeing has teamed with key suppliers to meet all the requirements presented by the A-10 request for proposals," continued Nothstine. "Using advanced lean manufacturing technologies, we will be able to provide a solution and assembly kit that will allow the A-10s to fly at least 20 more years before needing an inspection."

The A-10 Thunderbolt II, first introduced in 1976, is a twin-engine jet aircraft designed for close air support of ground forces. The simple, effective and survivable single-seat aircraft can be used against all ground targets, including tanks and other armored vehicles.

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