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A Boeing-led [NYSE: BA] team is preparing a response to a Request for Proposals (RFP), released on Jan. 26, from the U.S. Department of Defense for system design and development of its Airborne and Maritime/Fixed Station Joint Tactical Radio System (AMF JTRS).

Boeing and its best-of-industry teammates -- Rockwell Collins, Harris, L-3 Communications, BBN Technologies, Northrop Grumman and Milcom Systems Corporation -- have supported the AMF JTRS pre-system design and development phase since 2004. The Boeing team expects to respond to the RFP within 45 days, as required. Contract award is anticipated to occur by July 2007.

"Our best-of-industry team offers a low-risk, low-cost solution that leverages Boeing's market-leading experience in network-centric operations," said Leo Conboy, Boeing AMF JTRS program manager. "We have already successfully demonstrated the key networking capability and many of the legacy waveforms needed by the warfighter."

Boeing's AMF JTRS communications system will provide warfighters with software-defined radios that feature Internet-like capabilities, allowing them to communicate with one another in a network-centric environment in the air, on land and at sea. The system features secure battlespace networking, including the transmission and receipt of real-time text and voice information, as well as the ability to stream live audio and video, share maps, conduct networked meetings and use Voiceover Internet Protocol.

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