Boeing Completes First CSEL Radio Full-Rate Production Order

The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] has delivered the first full-rate production Combat Survivor Evader Locator (CSEL) radios, 5,053 units, to the U.S. Department of Defense, bringing the total number of CSEL radios delivered to the warfighter to 11,436.

CSEL is the U.S. Department of Defense's program of record for Combat Search and Rescue communications. To date, the Joint Services have ordered 16,272 CSEL radios and support equipment, including a second $36 million full rate production order. Boeing's CSEL communications system has been authorized for use in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom since December 2005.

"Demand for CSEL remains high because it's an end-to-end system that provides secure, worldwide coverage on a continuous basis, which means a lot to the warfighter, said Michael Bates, Boeing CSEL program manager.

Designed for easy use, the multifunction CSEL system is a cost-effective technological breakthrough that gives U.S. forces a tactical advantage. Unique communication and message encryption techniques prevent signals from being intercepted or decoded. Using communications satellites and global positioning technology, CSEL radios will save lives by providing real-time encrypted information about the precise location of isolated personnel such as downed pilots.

In addition to precise geopositioning information, the hand-held survival radios provide recovery forces and over-the-horizon joint search and rescue centers with two-way secure data communications capability. CSEL enables rescue forces to authenticate and communicate with isolated personnel in near real-time, anywhere in the world.

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