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The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] has been awarded a \$19 million U.S. Air Force contract to provide Mission Training Center (MTC) services for F-16 pilots at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.; Misawa Air Base in Japan; and Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany.

The contract provides continued F-16 MTC services for up to five years and will contribute directly to the readiness of F-16 units.

"Boeing is pleased to have the opportunity to provide the U.S. Air Force with continued service for the F-16 MTCs," said Tony Jones, vice president of Boeing Training Systems and Services (TSS). "We bring years of experience in providing the warfighter a Distributed Mission Operations capability for the F-15C MTCs and anticipate similar success with F-16 MTC operations."

Each F-16 MTC provides four high fidelity F-16 simulators with a 360-degree visual system, robust synthetic environment, instructor/operator stations and brief/debrief stations. The simulators can be operated individually or linked together to provide four-ship training, both within the MTC and linked to the Distributed Mission Operation Network. Boeing supports this training capability with several key TSS products, including the Visual Integrated Display System and Big Tac Combat Environment Server.

Lockheed Martin Simulation, Training and Support, a major subcontractor to Boeing, will provide the instructor/operator stations, crewstation hardware and simulation software, image generation systems and databases, and contractor logistics support. BGI, LLC will provide F-16 subject matter expertise.

"With the F-15E MTCs beginning service this year, Boeing will be responsible for providing local and distributed training capability for three of the Air Forces' primary operational fighter aircraft," said Jones. "We welcome the challenge to continue to support customer readiness and shape Distributed Mission Operation capabilities for years to come."

Boeing is the prime contractor for the F-15C MTC contract and has delivered and continues to operate MTCs at Eglin, Langley, Elmendorf and Kadena Air Force Bases and Royal Air Force (RAF) Lakenheath. As the F-15E MTC prime contractor, Boeing is responsible for the design, development, construction and integration of MTCs at Mountain Home and Seymour Johnson Air Force Bases and RAF Lakenheath, with the first F-15E MTC at Mountain Home starting service later this year.

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