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The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] today announced that it has received an \$18 million U.S. Navy contract to design, develop and produce the Undergraduate Military Flight Officer (UMFO) ground-based training system for Training Wing 6 at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.

"Future readiness begins with training, and the U.S. Navy's UMFO program is the foundation for the naval flight officers of tomorrow," said Tony Jones, vice president, Boeing Training Systems and Services. "We recognize the importance of providing a state-of-the-art training capability for new weapon systems and look forward to the opportunity to provide that capability to the U.S. Navy."

The new system will provide introductory training for naval flight officers, weapon system officers and international military flight officers destined for highly sophisticated weapon systems such as the F/A-18F Super Hornet, the EA-6B Prowler, the EA-18G Growler, the E-2C Hawkeye and the F-15E Strike Eagle.

As the prime contractor and lead systems integrator, Boeing will lead the instructional system development and deliver the courseware, electronic classrooms and T-45 aircrew training devices.

In conjunction with existing T-6 aircraft and its aircrew training devices, and the T-45C aircraft currently being augmented by Boeing with a virtual radar capability, the new system will replace aging T-2 and T-39 aircraft, courseware and training devices.

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