Boeing to Develop Advanced Sensor for Next-Generation Munition

The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] has been awarded a $600,000 U.S. Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) contract to develop the Seeker Integrated Target Endgame Sensor (SITES) to help advance Joint Dual Role Air Dominance Missile (JDRADM) technology.

"We believe SITES will help maximize the system's lethality," said David Moos, Boeing program manager for SITES. "This missile seeker will provide sufficient precision targeting to advance JDRADM technology. JDRADM is designed to be used against multiple types of targets during air-to-air and air-to-ground missions."

Under the Task 1 contract with the Air Force Research Laboratory, Boeing will study and establish the SITES program requirements baseline, ultimately leading to a system architecture.

"SITES is a great example of providing advanced capability to the warfighter by leveraging the best of Boeing and our partners," said Darryl Davis, vice president and general manager of Boeing Advanced Precision Engagement & Mobility Systems. "We have combined the efforts of Phantom Works, Advanced Precision Engagement and Mobility Systems, and Missile Defense Systems to provide the advanced guidance technology required by SITES. This is a key technology win that supports our long-term strategic initiative."

The SITES contract follows a $4.2 million contract awarded in May for the Dual Role Air Dominance Missile - Technology program that focuses on the missile's propulsion and control systems.

In 2006, Boeing won the AFRL JDRADM Multi-Role Responsive Ordnance Kill Mechanism (MR ROKM) warhead technology thrust program. Boeing is executing the program's Phase 2 design and development efforts at its weapons facility in St. Charles, Mo., where all Boeing MR ROKM work will occur.

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