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ST. LOUIS, Jan. 22, 2008 -- The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] has been awarded a \$14.9 million U.S. Air Force contract for systems engineering and modeling services for the A-10 Wing Replacement program. The contract will provide the engineering foundation for the program and ensure the on-schedule delivery of the production wings.

"The modeling will result in a true paperless engineering package," said William Moorefield, Boeing A-10 Wing Replacement program manager. "The modeling standards Boeing has developed over the last 15 years have demonstrated significant cost savings on programs such as the CH-47F Chinook, F-18E/F, C-17 and many others."

Boeing will perform the majority of the work in St. Louis with the remaining work done in Salt Lake City, Utah. The contract runs through September 2010.

In June 2007, the Air Force awarded Boeing a contract worth up to \$2 billion for engineering services and the manufacturing of 242 wing sets for the A-10 fleet.

The A-10 Thunderbolt II, first introduced in 1976, is a twin-engine jet aircraft designed for close air support of ground forces. The highly effective and survivable single-seat aircraft can be used against all ground targets, including tanks and other armored vehicles.

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