

Boeing Delivers Training Enhancements to F-15E Mission Training Centers

ST. LOUIS, March 27, 2009 -- Boeing [NYSE: BA] in February delivered its F-15E Suite 5 upgrade to the U.S. Air Force's F-15E Mission Training Centers (MTC) at Mountain Home Air Force Base (AFB), Idaho; Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.; and Royal AFB Lakenheath in the United Kingdom. This system upgrade ensures that the F-15E MTCs have aircrew training devices concurrent with the latest aircraft configuration -- including recent changes to the F-15E cockpit and its ability to carry the Small Diameter Bomb.

"Our team was dedicated to providing this quantum leap in F-15E training capability to the Air Force," said Kay Grabanski, Boeing F-15 MTC program manager. "It is very gratifying to know we are helping the warfighter by delivering a product with immediate value."

Boeing also delivered a four-ship training system to the Mountain Home MTC in early March. This system enables pilots to train for missions in one of the four highly immersive, networked simulators rather than in the aircraft, where range availability is limited. Boeing is scheduled to deliver the four-ship system to the Seymour Johnson MTC in April.

"The MTC allows the customer to focus training on specific missions, such as surface attack or air-to-air," said Grabanski. "It offers aircrews the realism required for mission training."

The Boeing-developed and -operated F-15E MTC provides aircrews with high-fidelity, simulator-based training without the material and personnel costs and environmental impact associated with training in operational aircraft. The F-15E MTCs will join the Distributed Mission Operations Network in August, allowing an aircrew in one location to train for missions with other aircrews located around the world.

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