Boeing Receives Additional Contract for Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing Systems

ST. LOUIS, March 18, 2010 -- Boeing [NYSE: BA] today announced it received a $39.6 million contract from the U.S. Department of Defense in December to provide 85 Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing Systems (JHMCS).

Boeing will deliver JHMCS aircraft hardware and pilot equipment for U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard F-15 Eagles, Air Force F-16 Falcons, and 10 international customers.

“The U.S. Air Force and international customers continue to rely on JHMCS to provide state-of-the-art targeting for aircraft weapon systems,” said Phil King, JHMCS program manager for Boeing. “It has become an indispensable tool for increasing pilots’ combat capability.”

The United States and international customers have ordered more than 3,300 systems to date, out of an estimated 3,700-system production program. The contract announced today is Boeing’s eleventh JHMCS production order since 2002.

First used in Operation Iraqi Freedom, the multirole JHMCS gives flight crew members the ability to rapidly acquire and designate a target simply by looking at it. By placing an aiming cross, projected on the helmet visor, over the desired target and pressing a button, pilots can quickly and easily aim weapons and sensors to designate and attack airborne or ground targets. The JHMCS visor also displays tactical information, aircraft altitude, airspeed, g-force and angle of attack to increase the user’s situational awareness.

Boeing is the prime contractor and integrator for JHMCS. Vision Systems International, based in San Jose, Calif., is the major subcontractor.

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