Boeing Submits Bids for US Navy Aircraft Support Services Contracts

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 7, 2010 -- Boeing [NYSE: BA] today announced that it has submitted two bids to provide a full range of aviation services to the U.S. Navy in support of operations at Naval Test Wing sites in the United States.

Boeing submitted bids for two separate contracts that will have an estimated combined value of $500 million to $600 million over five years. The first bid, submitted on Sept. 22, covers aircraft maintenance, modifications and aircrew services support at Patuxent River, Md., for the Navy's Atlantic region. The second proposal, submitted Oct. 6, covers similar work for the Pacific region at California naval air stations in Point Mugu and China Lake. Naval Air Systems Command expects to make a decision in February 2011.

"The Navy is seeking improved efficiency to better manage its flight training assets, and the Boeing team has submitted strong, competitive offers to perform this vital work," said Greg Deiter, vice president, Boeing Defense & Government Services. "Combining Boeing's knowledge of the aircraft with the company's field service and remote site modification expertise results in a high-quality, low-risk offering that partners with the Test Wing sites to keep the aircraft and pilot safe and mission-ready from Day One."

The two contracts cover service support for 170 aircraft including the F/A-18, V-22, P-8 and AV-8B. Unmanned Airborne Systems and several other aircraft platforms also would be included in the scope of work.

Boeing already is responsible for engineering and maintenance in support of the Naval Air Warfare Center (NAWC) Air Division's flight test programs for the F/A-18 at Patuxent River and support for the NAWC's Weapons Division at China Lake.

"Boeing has a lot to offer in the way of solid, performance-based management while providing reliable, real-time data so the customer can see the big picture as well as the details," said Deiter. "We are cost-competitive, flexible, and ready to respond to the dynamic environment that the Navy operates in every day."

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