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Upgraded system simplifies, aids aircraft maintenance; lowers cost for U.S. Navy, Marine Corps.

ST. LOUIS, April 13, 2015 – Boeing [NYSE: BA] has delivered the first of 10 upgraded aircraft diagnostic and maintenance systems to the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. The devices, used for servicing military aircraft, consolidate depot level testing into a single station, improving efficiencies and lowering costs while maximizing use of existing equipment.

Boeing and the Navy recently unveiled the Reconfigurable Transportable Consolidated Automated Support System – Depot (RTCASS-D) at Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego.

After installation at Navy Fleet Repair Centers over the next year, the RTCASS-D will allow technicians to more efficiently test and troubleshoot electronic systems on aircraft that include the F/A-18 Hornet and Super Hornet; V-22 Osprey; AV-8B Harrier and other Navy and Marine Corps platforms.

“These upgraded test stations support our customers' depot-level readiness targets and missions while saving them time and money,” said Tim Murphy, RTCASS program manager, Boeing. “As the Navy works to consolidate its depot-level mission operations with the Boeing-built testers, we look forward to helping the service meet its increased performance and mobility requirements.”

The improvements were lauded by Navy officials.

“RTCASS-D is the first CASS-family tester designed and built exclusively for depot applications,” said Sam Winters, CASS/RTCASS integrated product team lead, PMA-260, Naval Air Systems Command. “The enhanced capabilities in this system allow Fleet Readiness Centers to offload test program sets from legacy testers cheaper and more quickly than ever before while also leveraging hundreds of test program sets previously built for CASS.”

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