Boeing Responds to Germany’s Heavy Lift Helicopter Invitation to Tender

The H-47 Chinook offers the German Armed Forces a highly modern, proven and capable multi-mission helicopter

German industry will benefit from opportunities to work on the Chinook as well as opportunities across the Boeing enterprise

BERLIN, Germany, 14 January 2019 – Boeing [NYSA: BA] has submitted its response to the STH invitation to tender for Germany’s New Heavy Lift Helicopter program, also known as Schwerer Transporthubschrauber (STH). The response was submitted yesterday, 13 January.

The STH invitation to tender was issued on 24 June 2019 by the German procurement authority, specifically, the Federal Office of Equipment, Information Technology and In-Service Support of the Bundeswehr (BAAINBw). A contract award is expected in 2021 for the acquisition of 44 to 60 aircraft, including sustainment and training.

“We’re pleased to have submitted our response and look forward to working with the BAAINBw and German industry to bring the best value proposition to the German Bundeswehr,” said Michael Hostetter, vice president of Boeing Defense, Space & Security in Germany. “The H-47 Chinook is a one of a kind platform capable of performing missions that other helicopters cannot. It is a proven multi-mission heavy lift helicopter with advanced technology that meets the German requirements.”

Today, there are more than 950 Chinook aircraft operating in 20 countries, including eight NATO member countries (the Netherlands, Italy, Greece, Spain, Turkey, UK, Canada, and the United States). The Chinook will provide immediate interoperability to Germany while meeting a wide range of mission needs. As the world’s most proven heavy lift helicopter, the Chinook has a track record of on-time delivery and first time quality, with the lowest operating and acquisition costs and a technology roadmap that will keep it relevant for decades to come.

“We are committed to having the sustainment and training as well as parts of the production done in Germany,” said Dr. Michael Haidinger, president of Boeing Germany. “We will continue to build on and expand our Germany Industry Team for the H-47 Chinook Schwerer Transporthubschrauber competition. In addition, we are committed to bringing high end engineering and production opportunities from across the Boeing enterprise to German industry.”

Boeing in Germany

Boeing is a strong contributor to the German economy. The company employs more than 1,000 people at 11 locations throughout Germany and sustains thousands of additional jobs through its supply chain and other activities. Boeing and its supply chain partners spend almost $1.3 billion per year through an established network of suppliers across Germany. Boeing also works with many more sub-tier and German-owned suppliers worldwide. Germany is a key market for Boeing’s investment in research and technology partnerships. Boeing has established two research sites in Germany – a Research & Technology Office in Munich and Digital Solutions & Analytics Lab in Frankfurt – and invests in a growing portfolio of research and technology projects with German industry, universities and research organizations. For more information, visit boeing.de/chinook and boeing.com, or follow @BoeingDefense and @BoeingDACH on Twitter.

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