

U.S. Army Orders Six Boeing CH-47F Block II Chinooks

• Lot 6 contract maintains the Army's rapid fielding and modernization approach

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 15, 2026 — The U.S. Army awarded Boeing [NYSE: BA] a contract for six CH-47F Block II Chinook helicopters. The \$324 million contract builds on the Army's acquisition strategy to get critical equipment in the hands of the warfighter sooner and increases the number of CH-47F Block II aircraft under contract to 24.

"Consistent production awards reflect the Army's confidence in the CH-47F Block II as a critical capability for handling logistics in challenging environments across different domains and in varying operations," said Heather McBryan, vice president and program manager, Cargo Programs, for Boeing Defense, Space & Security. "Block II Chinooks provide commanders greater operational reach, faster resupply and enhanced protection for forces operating in austere and contested environments."

The Lot 6 agreement follows two other awards last year, including the first contract as part of the Army's Rapid Fielding decision.

Boeing has delivered six CH-47F Block II production helicopters to the Army. The Army is preparing to field the first unit equipped no later than mid-CY28 after delivery of the Lot 3 Block II aircraft.

The CH-47F Block II features improved capabilities:

- A strengthened drivetrain and airframe that adds 4,000 pounds to the aircraft's maximum gross weight, and thus, significantly greater lift capability.
- Innovative fuel-system changes that extend the mission radius for nearly all payloads.
- Improved sustainment and the ability to accommodate affordable future upgrades.

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