Lockheed Martin Sikorsky-Boeing Adds to Team DEFIANT

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 31, 2022 — Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin Company (NYSE: LMT), and Boeing (NYSE: BA) announced six new members of Team DEFIANT. These supplier teammates will join the team to support DEFIANT X®, the advanced helicopter for the U.S. Army’s Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft (FLRAA) competition.

Joining the team are:

- ATI Forged Products, Cudahy, Wisconsin: gearbox forgings
- Collins Aerospace, Windsor Locks, Connecticut: Perigon™ flight control and vehicle management computer; and Colorado Springs, Colorado: aircraft seats
- Elbit Systems of America, Fort Worth, Texas: mission system computer
- Parker Aerospace, Irvine, California: flight controls; and Kalamazoo, Michigan: hydraulic pumps and modules
- Magnaghi Aeronautica, Medford, New York: landing gear
- Marotta Controls, Boonton, New Jersey: electrical power system components

“Team DEFIANT is building a strong nationwide supply chain to provide the Army a transformational aircraft,” said Paul Lemmo, president of Sikorsky. “This team and its proven experience will ensure that DEFIANT X® is a low-risk, reliable and survivable aircraft for our Soldiers and the Army’s long-range assault mission.”

“DEFIANT X is the right aircraft, made by the right team, for the Army’s FLRAA mission,” said Mark Cherry, vice president and general manager of Boeing Vertical Lift. “Leveraging many existing supplier relationships, we’ve put together the best industry team to deliver a purpose-built, low-risk and cost-effective next-generation aircraft that can operate across multiple theaters, well into the future.”

These companies were selected based on exceptional performance and experience supporting the U.S. Army’s venerable Black Hawks, Apaches and Chinooks. The team’s exceptional performance will continue to ensure efficiency and affordability throughout DEFIANT X’s lifecycle, by embracing the Army’s Modular Open Systems Approach (MOSA) requirements and continuing to embrace advanced manufacturing techniques already used to design and manufacture the Army’s current fleet.

The team previously announced that Honeywell will provide its new HTS7500 turboshaft engine to power DEFIANT X.

Also this week, the Lockheed Martin Sikorsky-Boeing SB>1 DEFIANT® helicopter arrived in Nashville to give U.S. Army Aviators a first-hand look at this impressive aircraft at the Army Aviation Association of America’s annual summit.

Army aviators at the summit will be able to see how Team DEFIANT is revolutionizing Future Vertical Lift, one of the Army’s top modernization priorities, with a focus on transforming the Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft program’s capabilities, production and sustainment resulting in lower-life cycle costs. The result is DEFIANT X® a complete weapon system that builds on the handling qualities and capabilities proven by the team’s technology demonstrator, SB>1 DEFIANT®.

Contract award for the U.S. Army’s Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft is expected this year.

About Sikorsky and Boeing

Together, Sikorsky and Boeing have built 90 percent of the U.S. Army’s current military rotorcraft and have totaled more than 15 million flight hours. We’re the team that has brought forward iconic military rotorcraft including: Black Hawk, Chinook and Apache. The iconic UH-60 Black Hawk has proven itself to be the premiere assault platform in the world and DEFIANT X® will bring the next level of capability that the Future Long-Range Assault Aircraft requires.

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