



Boeing Joins Alenia and L-3 Communications to Pursue Joint Cargo Aircraft Program

HUNTSVILLE, AL—April 27, 2006—Global Military Aircraft Systems (GMAS) announced today that Boeing Integrated Defense Systems (NYSE: BA) is joining L-3 Integrated Systems (L-3 IS), a subsidiary of L-3 Communications (NYSE:LLL) and Finmeccanica's Alenia North America, Inc. to compete for the U.S. Army/Air Force Joint Cargo Aircraft (JCA) program.

The three companies have agreed to participation by Boeing on the GMAS C-27J team that is responding to the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force request for proposal (RFP) for the JCA program. Boeing is the largest airplane manufacturer in the world with a rich airlift lineage from the venerable C-47 to today's C-17 Globemaster III, the most versatile airlifter in the world. Boeing will support the industrialization of GMAS and its associated production and final assembly of the C-27J for the JCA program. Boeing complements the existing capabilities and expertise of the team and further enhances the GMAS C-27J as the best value solution for JCA.

Brigadier General Howard Yellen, USA(Ret.), General Manager of GMAS, said "GMAS is committed to serving as a C-27J Center of Excellence to deliver and support the C-27J Spartan for the JCA program. The addition of Boeing to the GMAS team allows us to leverage the substantial production and support expertise of another world leader in the aerospace industry."

"The C-27J represents the very best in a medium transport aircraft," said Ron Marcotte, Vice President and General Manager for Boeing Global Mobility Systems. "We understand the needs of the warfighter, especially for flight operations into austere airfields, and the C-27J clearly complements the airlift portfolio."

"With the addition of the U.S. Air Force component to the JCA, the C-27J team realized the need to transition the production of the aircraft to the U.S. in order to accommodate a high volume production schedule", added Bob Drewes, President and COO of L-3 IS Group. "Boeing brings the ability to establish a streamlined, process-based production facility in the U.S. that will ensure on-time delivery to the JCA customers."

"We are happy to extend Alenia's long standing strategic relationship with Boeing to the military medium lift cargo aircraft segment of the market," said Giuseppe Giordo, President and CEO of Alenia North America. "Having Boeing join our team strengthens the C-27J offering for the JCA program. Boeing brings an enormous amount of experience and expertise that will ensure C-27J success in the airlift market."

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The JCA program is a key component in the U.S. Army's transformation of its fixed wing fleet, which calls for the procurement of a new cargo aircraft. To support the future force, the JCA must be a multifunctional and interoperable aircraft, able to perform logistical re-supply, MEDEVAC, troop movement, airdrop operations, humanitarian assistance and missions in support of Homeland Security. The JCA program is expected to replace the U.S. Army's C-23 Sherpas, C-12 and C-26 aircraft and augment the Air Forces' existing fleet of intratheater airlifters. The C-27J JCA will play a key role in providing responsive aerial sustainment and critical resupply support for the maneuver force to maintain operational momentum.

The C-27J team provides an uncompromising commitment to deliver a proven, interoperable, and survivable airlifter to the United States Army and Air Force. The C-27J team includes Alenia North America, Boeing, Dowty, Honeywell, L-3 Communications, Lockheed Martin, Rolls-Royce and two dozen other suppliers from around the United States.

For additional information, please visit www.C-27J.com.

About Boeing Integrated Defense Systems

A unit of The Boeing Company, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is one of the world's largest space and defense businesses. Headquartered in St. Louis, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is a \$30.8 billion business. It provides network-centric system solutions to its global military, government and commercial customers. It is a leading provider of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems; the world's largest military aircraft manufacturer; the world's largest satellite manufacturer and a leading provider of space-based communications; the primary systems integrator for U.S. missile defense; NASA's largest contractor; and a global leader in sustainment solutions and launch services.

About L-3 Communications

L-3/IS is recognized internationally as a system integration organization specializing in the modernization and maintenance of aircraft of all sizes, and the study, design, development, and integration of special mission systems for military and commercial applications. The company has modified more than 15,000 different aircraft of more than 125 types. Headquartered in Greenville, Texas, L3 IS operates from multiple sites in Texas, Mississippi, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Virginia, Maryland, Alabama and Australia.

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications is a leading provider of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) systems, secure communications systems, aircraft modernization, training and government services. The company is a leading merchant supplier of a broad array of high technology products, including guidance and navigation, sensors, scanners, fuzes, data links, propulsion systems, simulators, avionics, electro optics, satellite communications, electrical power equipment, encryption, signal intelligence, antennas and microwave components. L-3 also supports a variety of Homeland Security



initiatives with products and services. Its customers include the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, selected U.S. Government intelligence agencies and aerospace prime contractors.

To learn more about L-3 Communications, please visit the company's Web site at www.L-3Com.com.

About Alenia North America

Alenia North America's mission is to further expand the industrial and commercial presence of the Alenia Group in North America and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alenia Aeronautica. Alenia North America Inc. is headquartered in Washington, D.C. with offices in Seattle, Washington; Long Beach, California; and Fort Worth, Texas. Alenia North America—Canada, a subsidiary wholly owned by Alenia North America has offices in Ottawa, Canada. Alenia North America is also a shareholder in Global Aeronautica, a joint venture with Vought Aircraft Company, located in North Charleston, South Carolina, which performs significant integration and sub assembly work for the Boeing 787 program.

Alenia Aeronautica, headquartered in Rome, Italy is a company of the Finmeccanica Group. Alenia Aeronautica has revenues in excess of 1.2 billion Euros and a total work force of more 10,500 employees. Its main activities comprise design and production of commercial and military aircraft, design and production of aerostructures for military and civil aircraft and through Aeronavali, a wholly owned subsidiary, the overall maintenance and modification of military and civil aircraft. Alenia Aeronautica is a partner of and cooperates with the major global aerospace groups, including Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Airbus, EADS, Dassault, BAE Systems and Vought.

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