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## **C-27J JCA TEAM SUBMITS JOINT CARGO AIRCRAFT PROPOSAL**

Washington, D.C., June 7, 2006 – Alenia North America announced today that the C-27J JCA Team of L-3 Communications Integrated Systems (L-3 IS), a subsidiary of L-3 Communications (NYSE: LLL), Alenia North America, Inc. (a Finmeccanica company), Boeing Integrated Defense Systems (NYSE: BA), and Global Military Aircraft Systems (GMAS) personally delivered its proposal for the C-27J as the best value solution for the Joint Cargo Aircraft (JCA) program. L-3 IS is prime contractor for the JCA program.

The JCA program was established to address operational shortfalls and is a key component in the U.S. Army’s transformation of its fixed-wing fleet. The C-27J JCA Team offering is an effective, C-27J multi-mission cargo aircraft solution that will fill the current capability gap in joint aerial delivery based on its ability to transport critical cargo and personnel, self-deploy over strategic distances, land in austere locations, operate autonomously, and provide routine and combat aerial sustainment to the joint force.

“Built from the ground up to support combat operations, the C-27J is the most rugged, versatile, and survivable aircraft in its class. It was designed to operate in remote and austere environments and provide the tactical utility necessary to logistically support soldiers,” said Giuseppe Giordo, president and CEO of Alenia North America. “Our C-27J Team offering represents the best value solution – on time and on target.”

“The team we have assembled is the best in aerospace industry,” said Alison Hartley, Vice President Business Development of L-3 Integrated Systems Group. “Together, L-3, Alenia, and Boeing have all of the highly qualified skills and resources required to deliver the best value C-27J JCA weapon system with superior quality to the joint warfighter.”

“The C-27J is designed specifically to fill the gap that exists today in the ‘last tactical mile’ of the supply chain,” said BGen (retired) Howard Yellen, general manager of GMAS. “With its excellent Short Take-off and Landing (STOL) performance from unprepared airstrips, the C-27J can satisfy the JCA mission better than any aircraft in its class.”

“The C-27J is the perfect complement to the current airlift fleet as it provides enhanced tactical flexibility and an unmatched level of interoperability with both the existing Army and Air Force transport assets,” said Ron Marcotte, vice president and general manager for Boeing Global Mobility Systems.

### **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 it 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 2.046 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.

### **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, L-3 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](http://www.L-3Com.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 Global Military Aircraft Systems**

Global Military Aircrafts Systems (GMAS) is a joint venture between L-3 Communications Integrated Systems (L-3 IS), a division of [L-3 Communications](#), and [Alenia Aeronautica](#) (a [Finmeccanica](#) company), through its Alenia North America Inc. subsidiary. GMAS aims to provide the U.S. Army and U.S Air Force with a solution for its Joint Cargo Aircraft (JCA) operational and support requirements,

and to pursue the opportunities with the Department of Defense (DoD) and internationally, through the production and the outfit of the C-27J tactical transport aircraft.

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