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Contracts

DRS Receives \$20M Contract for U.S. Army

PARSIPPANY, N.J. -- DRS Technologies, Inc. (NYSE: DRS) announced today that it has received a \$20 million contract for continued manufacture of the Direct Support Electrical System Test Sets (DSESTS) Test Program Sets (TPS) for the M2/M3 family of Bradley Fighting Vehicles. The Bradley Fighting Vehicles are among the most formidable ground force capabilities in U.S. Army inventory and continue to be an integral part of military operations in Iraq.

The contract was awarded to DRS by the U.S. Army Tank Automotive and Armaments Command Life Cycle Management Command (TACOM LCMC), Rock Island, Illinois, for the Program Manager, Heavy Brigade Combat Team in Warren, Michigan. For this award, DRS will produce digital electronic control assembly common support module rehost kits and cables, designed to support the U.S. Army's conversion to modularity, Bradley DSESTS restow kits, Bradley TOW (Tube-launched, Optically tracked, Wire-guided) TPS and Bradley A3 DSESTS TPS. Work for this contract will be performed by the company's DRS Test & Energy Management unit in Huntsville, Alabama. Product deliveries will commence in December and are expected to continue through April 2008.

"The continued support of this test equipment assures that the Army's current generation of Bradley Fighting Vehicles can be fully sustained around the world," said Fred L. Marion, president of DRS's Surveillance & Reconnaissance Group. "Our customer's commitment to the long-term sustainability of DSESTS equipment strengthens DRS's position as a leading supplier of operationally-proven, electronic test and diagnostics equipment for the U.S. Army's fleet of ground combat vehicles."

DRS produces a variety of automatic test equipment (ATE) designed for diagnosing electronic components installed on Army M1A1, M1A2 and M1A2 SEP Abrams Main Battle Tanks and Bradley M2/M3 Fighting Vehicle Systems and U.S. Marine Corps' Abrams tanks and Light Armored Vehicles (LAVs). Utilized at 89 locations in the U.S. and deployed internationally, the DSESTS supports the U.S. Army's modularity requirements, as it transforms existing divisions into brigade combat teams.

Contracts

Force Protection Was Awarded A Contract For 79 JERRV, 50 Million Dollars

Force Protection Industries, Inc., Ladson, S.C., is being awarded a \$50,862,810 firm-fixed-price, indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract with a maximum ordering quantity of 79 Joint Explosive Ordnance Disposal Rapid Response Vehicles (JERRV) and associated manuals, spares, field support, and training.

Work will be performed in Ladson, S.C. (60 percent) and Charlotte, Mich. (40 percent), and work is expected to be completed by May 2007. Contract funds will not expire by the end of the current fiscal year. This contract is a sole source award to Force Protection Industries, Inc. as they are the sole manufacturer of the JERRV. The Marine Corps Systems Command, Quantico, Va., is the contracting activity (M67854-06-D-5042)



Defence Industry

Samsung Techwin K9 Thunder Continues to Drive The Self-Propelled Artillery Market



The international market for self-propelled artillery remains a highly competitive and dynamic environment. In its annual analysis "The World Market for Self-Propelled Artillery Systems" the Forecast International Weapons Group expects the market will produce over 4,500 self-propelled artillery systems, worth about \$14.03 billion, through 2015.

Dean Lockwood, a weapons systems analyst at Forecast International, notes that the market reflects three design factions. Most armies rely on tried-and-true older designs, such as the classic BAE Systems Land & Armaments (formerly United Defense LP) M109 series. Newer designs tend to borrow liberally from this benchmark design. According to Lockwood, "Reflecting the basic design concept of the M109 style of self-propelled howitzer, the Samsung Techwin K9 Thunder program continues to stand out as the clear market leader." We expect the K9 Thunder (along with its licensed TUSpH Storm program in Turkey) will account for 21.76 percent of all self-propelled howitzer production worldwide, worth a commanding 31.02 percent of the market, through 2015.

Competing with the M109-style design is the emerging class of wheeled self-propelled artillery designs, optimized for the rapidly deployable medium force option. Designs such as the General Dynamics

Land Systems Stryker Mobile Gun System (MGS) and the Giat Industries CAESAR offer the advantages of lighter weight and enhanced mobility, as well as lower production and maintenance costs. Lockwood notes that, "Over the past five years, our forecast regarding the combined market share of wheeled designs has doubled." We now expect the wheeled systems will account for 7.64 percent of all new production, worth 8.37 percent of the market, through 2015.

At the extreme high end of the market, we find the truly state-of-the-art systems, notably the Krauss-Maffei Wegmann Panzerhaubitze 2000 and the Mitsubishi Type 99, which command correspondingly high-end unit prices. In terms of forecast production, both the PzH 2000 and the Type 99 remain relatively minor players, accounting for only 6.26 percent and 3.26 percent, respectively, of all new production through 2015. Yet, according to Lockwood, "These programs continue to be significant factors in terms of market value." Through 2015, we expect the PzH 2000 will account for 11.44 percent of the total market value; the Type 99 will maintain a market value share of 9.58 percent during that period.

Despite the uncertainties of the post-Cold War world, new threat scenarios, and transformational military doctrines, conventional tube artillery continues to offer an unmatched capability to reliably deliver accurate and effective fire under all conditions -- when and where the infantryman needs it.

Defence Industry

LOCKHEED MARTIN Awarded \$7.4 Million Light Armored Vehicle Command And Control Contract

OWEGO, NY, -- The United States Marine Corps has awarded Lockheed Martin [NYSE: LMT] a \$7.4 million contract to integrate systems on the Light Armored Vehicle Command and Control (LAV-C2), enabling the Marines to better receive, process, and disseminate real-time battlefield information under rugged field conditions.

"The LAV-C2 is a mobile command center, providing troops with advanced communications capabilities in the field," said Louis J. De Santis, vice president of Integrated Products at Lockheed Martin Systems Integration -- Owego. "The systems we're integrating give Marines improved battlefield knowledge and situational awareness essential to mission success."

The contract is to produce four LAV-C2 prototypes for developmental and operational testing by the Marine Corps. The LAV-C2 upgrades include integration of communications equipment such as the Multi-Band Multi Mission Radio System and the Enhanced Position Radio System, as well as improved automated workstations and command systems. The new equipment will provide numerous benefits to the Marines, including universally interchangeable workstations, an expanded workspace, improved transportability, upgraded radio systems and consolidated antennas.

Successful testing of the Lockheed Martin-built prototypes could lead to a follow-on production contract, with a potential value of \$23.9 million, to upgrade approximately 51 additional systems. The legacy LAV-C2 platforms are provided to Lockheed Martin by the Marines for upgrade.

Defence Industry

Metal Storm - Potential Contract with US Marine Corps

Metal Storm advises that the US Marine Corps (USMC) Systems Command, on behalf of the USMC Warfighting Laboratory has placed a notice on the US Federal Business Opportunities website, <http://www.fbo.gov/spg/DON/USMC/M67854/M6785406Q9049/Attachments.html>, that it intends to award a Sole Source research and development Contract to Metal Storm for the design and fabrication of a stacked round firing system for FIN Stabilized High Explosive Ammunition.

The USMC is required to place such a notice where it intends to solicit and negotiate with only one source before confirming a contract award. The amount currently set aside for this contract is approximately US\$331,000, subject to negotiation.

Metal Storm expects to be advised of the outcome of this process, and whether USMC will proceed to the negotiating and awarding of the proposed contract, by mid-June 2006.

Defence Industry

BAE SYSTEMS Completes Qualification Of New Thermal Weapon Sight, Receives Additional Production Contract

LEXINGTON, Mass. – BAE Systems has completed U.S. Army qualification of the next-generation family of light, medium, and heavy thermal weapon sights (TWS) and has received additional base and option production contract modifications valued at \$73 million. The modifications bring the total current contract value to \$200 million.

There are three variants of the TWS II, all designed around BAE Systems' MicroIR® microbolometer-based sensor architecture. All three are being developed and qualified in partnership with Program Executive Office-Soldier at Fort Belvoir, Va., to provide Army infantry and U.S. Marine Corps with the ability to detect and engage targets day or night, in all weather and battlefield obscurant conditions.

TWS II enables individual and crew-served weapon gunners to see deep into the battlefield, increasing their surveillance and target acquisition range.

"These thermal weapon sights will give our fighting forces a technological advantage on the battlefield by greatly improving the individual soldier's capabilities for surveillance and target acquisition under day and night battlefield conditions," said Bruce Zukauskas, BAE Systems' director of military IR products at Lexington,

Mass. "We are proud of our team's efforts, in partnership with PEO-Soldier, to successfully complete the TWS II qualification and begin delivering our thermal weapon sights into the hands of the war fighters."

BAE Systems received a five-year, \$111 million TWS II contract in March 2004, with total options of more than \$250 million to produce up to 28,000 thermal sights. The latest order is part of this total.

Defence Industry

Cubic Receives Contract to Provide EST 2000 Virtual Trainers to Jordan

SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 10, 2006 – The defense segment of Cubic Corporation (AMEX: CUB) has been awarded a delivery order to provide its Engagement Skills Trainer (EST 2000) virtual training system, simulated weapons and services to the Jordanian Armed Forces.

The U.S. government will manage the purchase under the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program.

EST 2000 teaches marksmanship, squad-level collective defense and "shoot-don't shoot" judgmental firing skills. The U.S. Army-certified system trains soldiers in the use of rifles, pistols and crew-served weapons.

"Cubic is extremely pleased to provide EST 2000 – the system of choice for the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force – to the Jordanian Armed Forces," said Terry Kohl, vice president and general manager of Cubic's Simulation Systems Division. "EST 2000 will significantly improve Jordan's small arms training capabilities at military bases and academic institutions throughout the country. It will also be used to develop future Jordanian infantry doctrine."

Under the FMS delivery order, Cubic will provide the small arms trainer as well as simulated weapons, spares and in-country logistics support. The system is scheduled for delivery in early 2007.

"We are very appreciative of the confidence that the Jordanian Armed Forces, the Department of Training, and Department of Simulation have demonstrated by selecting the EST 2000 system. We look forward to a strong working relationship with this customer," said Kohl.

To date, Cubic has delivered more than 600 EST 2000 systems to the U.S. Army, Air Force, Department of Energy and foreign militaries and governments. The systems are operational throughout the world, including the Continental U.S., Hawaii, Alaska, Korea, Germany and Afghanistan. Additionally, EST 2000 Deployable Shelters have been deployed to Kuwait and Iraq to support sustainment training of U.S. troops and several Air Force bases.

The system allows trainees to shoot laser bullets at simulated enemies from weapons that have been modified for use on the EST 2000. The highly realistic scenarios, which are featured on a high-resolution three-screen display, include a wide range of

environments in all weather and light conditions.

System enhancements include the Warrior Skills Trainer (WST) and the integration of EST 2000 into other live, virtual and constructive (L-V-C) simulation environments.

The WST upgrade expands the system's capabilities to practice team or individual skills – either on foot or in a moving vehicle – which will help prepare soldiers to better cope with the weather conditions, convoy attacks and judgment issues that arise in today's combat environments.

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New Special Forces Support Group: Inaugural Parade

Secretary of State for Defence, the Rt Hon Des Browne MP, and the Chief of the General Staff, General Sir Mike Jackson, attended the inaugural parade of the new Special Forces Support Group at RAF St Athan in Wales on 11 May 2006.

The Special Forces Support Group is a new unit within the UK Special Forces group, which was set up on 3 April 2006. It will directly support UK Special Forces intervention operations around the world and provide the UK with an additional counter-terrorist capability. Personnel for the unit will be specially equipped and trained for their Special Forces role. Welcoming the event, Defence Secretary Des Browne said:

"This is a proud day for the new members of the Special Forces family. We can all feel more secure, knowing that the best Special Forces in the world are being given the extra support that they need to deal with modern threats.

"This enhancement to the UK's Special Forces is part of the restructuring of our Armed Forces to deliver new capabilities that are relevant to the threats of today.

"This parade, which clearly illustrates the blend of different Services into a single Special Forces ethos, marks a new and proud chapter in the history of the UK Special Forces."

Personnel for the new unit have been drawn from the Parachute Regiment, the Royal Marines, and the Royal Air Force Regiment. The unit will be part of the UK Special Forces Group, falling under the operational command of the Director of Special Forces. As with the rest of the Special Forces, the best way to protect their capabilities is to respect the importance of keeping the identities of its individuals, its operations, its capabilities, its tactics and training, and its equipment properly secret.

The need to enhance Special Forces capability was announced in the Strategic Defence Review New Chapter, published in July 2002. Members of the Special Forces Support Group (SFGSG) will retain the cap badges of their parent units and will also wear the SFGSG insignia.

All individuals within this specialist group have passed either the Royal Marines Commando course, the

Airborne Forces Selection course run by the Parachute Regiment or the RAF Pre-Parachute Selection course. Each of these selection courses involves arduous physical selection and high quality infantry training. The personnel are then equipped and provided with additional training to fit their specific specialist role on joining the SFSG.

The main role of the SFSG is to provide direct support to UK Special Forces intervention operations around the world. They will be prepared to operate in war-fighting, counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations at short notice. Their roles may include provision of supporting or diversionary attacks, cordons, fire support, force protection and supporting training tasks. Prior to the creation of the SFSG, these tasks have been carried out by other units on an ad hoc basis.

The creation of two new Special Forces units to enhance the overall capabilities of the Special Forces and to improve the UK's ability to fight terrorism was announced by the then Secretary of State for Defence, Geoff Hoon, on 16 December 2004. The first unit, the Special Reconnaissance Regiment, became operational in April 2005. The SFSG is the second unit, which became operational on 3 April 2006.

Defence Industry

General Dynamics Awarded \$19 Million for Stryker-Related Contracts



STERLING HEIGHTS, Mich. -- The U.S. Army TACOM Lifecycle Management Command has awarded General Dynamics Land Systems, a business unit of General Dynamics (NYSE: GD), \$19 million in Stryker eight-wheeled combat vehicle-related contracts.

The first, a delivery order valued at \$5.9 million, is to provide a brigade set of Stryker add-on armor slat kits and the associated hardware. Work will be performed in Lima, Ohio; Sterling Heights, Mich.; and London, Ontario, Canada, and is expected to be completed by Sept. 30, 2008.

The second is a contract modification valued at \$8.1 million for Stryker contractor logistics support to establish a Remote Weapons Station (RWS) Block I spare parts pipeline. Work will be performed in Auburn, Wash., and will be completed by Dec. 31, 2006.

The third is a contract modification valued at \$5 million for contractor logistics support to Stryker Brigade Combat Teams deployed outside the United

States. The work is to be performed in Southwest Asia and expected to be complete by December 31, 2006.

Stryker, a family of eight-wheel-drive combat vehicles that can travel at speeds up to 62 mph on highways with a range of 312 miles, is the Army's highest-priority production combat vehicle program and the centerpiece of the ongoing Army Transformation. Stryker operates with the latest C4ISR equipment and an integrated armor package protecting soldiers against improvised explosive devices, rocket propelled grenades and a variety of infantry weapons. Stryker's current combined fleet operational readiness rate is in excess of 96 percent with more than 6.5 million miles accumulated through two completed Operation Iraqi Freedom rotations.

The U.S. Army placed its fiscal year 2006 order for 306 Stryker wheeled combat vehicles in April 2006. To date, approximately 1,500 Strykers have been delivered of the 2,575 armored vehicles the U.S. Army plans for its fleet.

Significantly lighter and more transportable than existing tanks and armored vehicles, Stryker fulfills an immediate requirement to equip a strategically deployable (C-17/C-5) and operationally deployable (C-130) brigade capable of rapid movement anywhere on the globe in a combat-ready configuration. Stryker Brigade Combat Teams have operated in Iraq since October 2003, demonstrating the value of a force that can move rapidly as a cohesive and networked combined-arms combat team.

Future Technologies

BAE Systems Selects Saft America for BMHV of FCS Manned Ground Vehicles

Santa Clara, Calif. -- BAE Systems has selected the Space and Defense Division of Saft America Inc., based in Cockeysville, MD, to supply the Battery Module, High Voltage (BMHV) for the Future Combat System Manned Ground Vehicle program. BMHV is a critical component of the hybrid propulsion system.

"Saft America was selected after a thorough and competitive selection process based on their proven performance and solution to the MGV requirements. The solution they proposed represented the best value solution for the program and we are looking forward to working to integrate this critical technology," said Sam Cole, FCS Manned Ground Vehicle Program Manager for BAE Systems.

The value of the contract is \$2 million. The BMHV is a sub-element of the Energy Storage System (ESS) which stores and releases electrical energy as required to support mobility and silent operations. The ESS contains multiple modular BMHV units.

BAE Systems, as part of the FCS One Team, is teamed with General Dynamics to develop and field a family of transportable, deployable, lethal, and survivable Manned Ground Vehicles. This next generation of combat vehicles will provide the majority of the firepower in the FCS-equipped Brigade Combat

Teams and will be critical nodes in the overarching network that allows future soldiers to more effectively complete their missions.

The two companies have formed integrated design teams to develop and demonstrate the family of eight manned ground vehicles featuring a common platform design with common components and subsystems, with unique mission modules and all the variants linked together by networked battle command.

Under the FCS MGV contracts, BAE Systems has responsibility for five of the eight MGV variants: Non-Line-of-Sight Cannon (NLOS-C); Infantry Carrier Vehicle (ICV); Medical Vehicle (MV); Non-Line of Sight Mortar (NLOS-M), and FCS Recovery and Maintenance Vehicle (FRMV).

specialist vehicles, including:

- armoured personnel carrier
- police vehicle
- radiation and chemical agent detection vehicle
- command vehicle
- ambulance
- reconnaissance vehicle
- general purpose vehicle etc.

Defence Industry

Indra Will Develop the Friend or Foe Identification System for the Spanish Army

The contract awarded totals almost 12 million euro and has an execution period of 24 months.

This system, which in Spanish will be developed under the AMIGOS programme, enables a friendly target to be identified in real time with a probability of success of over 98% and a range on a clear day of over six kilometres.

The Ministry of Defence has awarded Indra the contract, totalling approximately 12 million euro, to develop the friend or foe identification system for the Spanish Army. Under this contract the company will develop an automatic identification system that will enable the army to avoid loss of means and personnel in battle under its own fire. This system is being developed under a common standard ratified by NATO, and in Spain the programme is called AMIGOS (Advanced Military Identification for Ground Operational System).

Indra has already successfully concluded the first stage of the AMIGOS programme, which comprised a viability study to analyse the requirements and performance demanded of the system, together with the national development capacity. The development phase is now under way.

The system will enable allied troops to determine in real time whether a target is friendly or otherwise. It employs technology that enables correct identification with a probability of over 98% and which works within a maximum range of six kilometres on a clear day and under direct viewing. Furthermore, this system uses encryption and encoding techniques for sending data and information, which makes it especially reliable against detection, exploitation or interference by the enemy.

The BTID (Battlefield Target Identification Device) system operates through a platform equipped with an interrogation system, which when it detects of a possible target, sends the latter a high frequency, radio-electric signal with coded and encrypted data. The interrogated platform has a response system that, if a friend, will detect the interrogation and will send back a radio-electric signal with other data which will also be coded and encrypted. The interrogator receives the reply, decodes it and declares the target as a friend. If the interrogated platform does not possess the BTID system or does not have the same cryptographic codes, it will be unable to detect the interrogation and the target will

Defence Industry

SOE KMDB Unveiled a New Version of the DOZOR-B APC



Kharkiv, Ukraine – The leading Ukrainian developer of armoured vehicles – State-owned Enterprise Kharkiv Morozov Machine-building Design Bureau – unveiled a new version of its Dozor-B 4x4 light armoured personnel carrier.

The Dozor-B armoured personnel carrier (APC) was developed by the SOE KMDB as a private venture. The first example of the APC was repeatedly demonstrated at specialised exhibitions and presentations in Ukraine and arose a considerable interest among experts and potential customers.

Apart from the driver, commander and gunner, the vehicle can accommodate up to eight troops, with the protection of the vehicle crew being paid much attention to. The armoured hull ensures protection against small arms fire and shell splinters. The special shape, double bottom, improved fasteners of seats, the front wheels positioned far afore of the driver's position and armoured bulkhead between the engine and the crew compartment provide a reliable protection against mines. The vehicle is also fitted with an collective NBC protection system and a fire suppression system.

The new version of the vehicle is powered by a diesel engine that meets the EURO-3 – Deutz BF 4M 1013FC requirements and develops 190 hp with a maximum torque of 700 Nm. The engine is united in one assembly with the Allison 1000LCT automatic hydraulic-and-mechanical transmission, which features five forward gears and one reverse gear.

The Dozor-B can form a basis for a family of

declare the target as unknown. The entire identification process is undertaken in a timeframe of less than one second.

Indra began identification systems activities over ten years ago and is today considered one of the world's leading companies in this field.

Future Technologies

Lockheed Martin Demonstrates Revolutionary Tactical Vehicle Armor

Dallas, TX, -- Lockheed Martin has developed and demonstrated a new lightweight, low-cost tactical vehicle armor that promises exceptional multi-hit survivability against armor-piercing rifle bullets and high-speed fragments from improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

The Macro-Composite Protection System (MAPS) armor will provide armor-piercing, bullet, fragment/shrapnel and blast protection with tactical theater durability and maintainability at a very low cost. The armor-as-a-system was developed by Lockheed Martin as a solution to the coupled threat effects often encountered in today's urban tactical environments, such as a bomb blast followed by a swarm of projectiles or armor-piercing sniper fire.

"We believe MAPS is a breakthrough in protective technology," said David Hunn, director – Mechanical Engineering at Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control. "MAPS armor promises to provide an entirely new level of vehicle and personal protection to our forces that could save lives. And it should prove much less expensive than current ceramic armors once in production."

MAPS armor is undergoing ballistic testing and has successfully shown protection against realistic armor piercing and fragmentation threats with no penetration, at a weight approximately 50 percent less than its equivalent in steel armor protection. Lockheed Martin has briefed the U.S. Army, Navy and Marine Corps on preliminary testing results, and provided MAPS armor samples to the services for independent testing. Results of those tests should be available later this year.

MAPS armor is made out of a Lockheed Martin-developed macro-composite material encased in shock-absorbing polymers with a metallic strike face and spall plate. In recent testing, MAPS successfully stopped four successive shots of 7.62mm armor-piercing bullets striking at high velocity within a four-inch diameter circle.

"In addition to its capabilities against IEDs and armor-piercing bullets, we plan to study MAPS' ability to provide a level of protection against hand grenades, mines and other battlefield threats," Hunn added. "We are continuing our development and testing of MAPS armor to collect more performance data on a variety of threats, and prepare the material for future applications."

Although developed for military ground vehicle applications, Lockheed Martin also envisions potential

application for commercial armored cars and vehicles, helicopters and ground attack aircraft applications.

Robots

Foster-Miller receives \$133 million contract for robot parts and service



Foster-Miller receives \$133 million contract for robot parts and service In addition to the \$96 million TALON EOD robots contract announced two weeks ago Foster-Miller Inc. - a wholly owned QinetiQ company since November 2004 - has been awarded a \$133 million contract for TALON(TM) robot spare parts and service, bringing its total current award for TALON(TM) EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) robots to \$257 million through 2012.

This contract represents the third component of a three-part award that began in September 2002 with a \$27 million contract for TALON(TM) EOD robots from the Man Transportable Robotic System (MTRS) programme managed for all service branches by the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NAVSEA) in Indian Head, MD.

Two weeks ago, NAVSEA awarded Foster-Miller an additional \$96 million to increase the number of TALON(TM) EOD robots to up to 1200 over the next seven years, bringing the company's total award to \$124 million, then the largest single order in its history.

Foster-Miller is the leading supplier of EOD robots for Iraq and Afghanistan. Its robots have already successfully completed more than 50,000 missions there to defuse roadside bombs and improvised explosive devices (IEDs). As one EOD soldier said: "No other robot was able to handle the rigors of day-to-day ops and the amount of IEDs we rendered safe while over in Iraq this last rotation like the TALON."

"Foster-Miller's commitment to providing our soldiers with the very best equipment, service and support over the life of this contract is unwavering," said Dr. William Ribich, president and CEO. "We thank the MTRS programme and NAVSEA for their continuing support."