



## **GAO RECONFIRMS C-27J FOR JOINT CARGO AIRCRAFT PROGRAM**

**Huntsville, Ala., September 27, 2007** – The Government Accountability Office (GAO) today reconfirmed the selection of the C-27J Spartan for the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force Joint Cargo Aircraft (JCA) program. The services previously selected the C-27J, offered by L-3 Communications (NYSE:LLL), Alenia North America (a Finmeccanica Company), Boeing Integrated Defense Systems (NYSE:BA, and Global Military Aircraft Systems (GMAS), in an open competition.

"We are pleased that the GAO confirmed the selection of our C-27J offering - we have had confidence in our JCA offering and our team from the beginning. The C-27J is the right choice for the JCA mission," said Bob Drewes, President and Chief Operating Officer, L-3 Integrated Systems Group.

"Today's announcement by the GAO reconfirms that our aircraft and our team represent the best value solution for the warfighter," said Giuseppe Giordo, president and chief executive officer, Alenia North America. "This decision also validates a detailed and exhaustive competitive process during which the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force both recognized the unique capabilities of our C-27J aircraft, our team and our JCA offering as a whole."

"We're very pleased to continue moving forward with our partners to produce this outstanding airlifter for our Air Force and Army customers," said Dave Bowman, vice president and general manager of Boeing Global Mobility Systems.

The C-27J is a mid-range, multifunctional and interoperable aircraft able to perform logistical re-supply, MEDEVAC, troop movement, airdrop operations, humanitarian assistance and homeland security missions for the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. The C-27J will replace the U.S. Army's C-23 Sherpas, C-12 and C-26 aircraft and augment the U.S. Air Forces' existing fleet of intratheater airlifters. The aircraft will play a key role in providing responsive aerial sustainment and critical re-supply support for the maneuver force to maintain operational momentum.

The C-27J Spartan is the latest in a successful tradition of military airlifters, including the C-27A Spartan and the G-222, which have been deployed by the United States, NATO, Coalition Forces, the United Nations and Italy in support of military and humanitarian operations in Albania, Armenia, Bosnia, Cambodia, Congo, Operations Desert Shield and Storm, East Timor, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Honduras, Kosovo, Libya, Mali, Panama, Rwanda, Somalia, Uganda and Yemen. C-27A Spartans currently are carrying out vital counter-drug activities for the United States in Central and South America.

### **About L-3 Communications**

L-3 Communications Integrated Systems develops and integrates defense and commercial technology for U.S. and allied customers worldwide. Headquartered in Greenville, Texas, L-3 IS



has more than five decades of experience in the development of complex intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems; command and control; and secure communications. It is recognized internationally as a systems integration organization specializing in the modernization and maintenance of aircraft of all sizes. It is a leader in advanced technologies for signal processing, electronic countermeasures, sensor development and aircraft self-protection. Systems provided or maintained by L-3 IS help protect military and civilian personnel, bases, assets and national borders throughout the world.

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications employs over 63,000 people worldwide and is a prime system contractor in aircraft modernization and maintenance, C<sup>3</sup>ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) systems and government services. L-3 is also a leading provider of high technology products, subsystems and systems. The company reported 2006 sales of \$12.5 billion.

To learn more about L-3, please visit the company's web site at [www.L-3Com.com](http://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 it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Alenia Aeronautica, a Finmeccanica company. Alenia North America Inc. is headquartered in Washington, D.C. with offices in Long Beach, California; Smyrna, Georgia; Fort Worth, Texas; and Seattle, Washington. 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.

For more information about Alenia North America, please visit [www.aleniana.com](http://www.aleniana.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 specializing in innovative and capabilities-driven customer solutions. Headquartered in St. Louis, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is a \$32.4 billion business with 72,000 employees worldwide.

#### **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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