

Lockheed Martin Adds Raytheon To Team For UCAR Unmanned Aircraft Development Program

The Lockheed Martin Unmanned Combat Armed Rotorcraft (UCAR) development team is strengthening its technical diversity and sensor systems capabilities by adding Raytheon Company .

Raytheon, based in Waltham, MA, will play a significant role in the development and deployment of sensors and related technologies for the UCAR system. The goal of UCAR, a program conducted with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), is to demonstrate the technical feasibility, military utility and operational value of a system of unmanned rotorcraft capable of autonomous collaboration with manned and unmanned air and ground systems. The UCAR system is in development for the U.S. Army.

"The combination of Raytheon and Lockheed Martin expertise creates a formidable sensor capability," said Jeff Bantle, vice president, Multi-Mission Solutions with Lockheed Martin Systems Integration-Owego. "Advanced sensor technology is critical to a system of vehicles that will be required to respond to battlefield conditions and operate collaboratively."

Raytheon is an industry leader in defense and government electronics, space, information technology, technical services, and business aviation and special mission aircraft. The company has 78,000 employees worldwide and reported \$18.1 billion in 2003 revenues.

"We are pleased to support the UCAR program as part of the Lockheed Martin team," said Thomas A. Kennedy, Ph.D., newly appointed vice president of Unmanned and Reconnaissance Systems for Raytheon. "We look forward to making a major contribution to an important new capability for the United States armed forces."

The UCAR system can operate as a part of a heterogeneous unmanned system team controlled from the ground or as a collaborative element of a manned- unmanned (MUM) aviation team. The effectiveness of a pack of autonomous rotorcraft vehicles demands mastery of advanced technology challenges and expertise of a uniquely capable development team. Other members of Lockheed Martin's UCAR team include Bell Helicopter Textron Inc.; The Charles Stark Draper Laboratory; Harris Corporation; DRS Technologies; Whitney, Bradley and Brown; Smart Information Flow Technologies (SIFT); and four Lockheed Martin businesses.

Headquartered in Bethesda, MD, Lockheed Martin employs about 130,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture and integration of advanced technology systems, products and services.

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