Lockheed Martin Awarded $28.8 Million Contract For C-130 Aircrew Training System

Lockheed Martin Corporation was awarded a $28.8 million contract modification extension to provide continued operations and maintenance for the C-130 Aircrew Training System (ATS).

"This contract will allow us to continue our support of warfighter mission readiness," said Dan Crowley, Lockheed Martin Simulation, Training & Support President. "We are committed to providing the best training possible for the C-130 program. The extension of this contract by the Air Force demonstrates that we are delivering the right product to our customer."

The C-130 ATS program provides an academic and simulator training program for C-130 weapon system aircrews and maintenance personnel. Little Rock AFB, AR is home to the world's largest C-130 training facility, where the Department of Defense provides formal training for the U.S. Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and more than 25 international user countries. Graduates of the formal school are mission qualified and report to operational units in Air Combat Command and the Air Mobility Command.

This extension will mark the halfway point of a 10-year contract in which each year is executed as a contract option. In April of 2001, a contract modification added a second formal school for the C-130 H2 at Dobbins ARB, GA. Continuation and refresher training is ongoing at Dyess AFB, TX; Pope AFB, NC; McChord AFB, WA; Minneapolis ANGB, MN; and Dobbins ARB, GA. Additionally, the ATS provides learning centers for self-paced ground continuation training at Yokota AB, Japan; Elmendorf AFB, AK; and Ramstein AB, Germany. Lockheed Martin's Simulation, Training & Support business unit is currently performing operations and maintenance for the C-130 ATS.

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