Lockheed Martin To Build WCMD Training Rounds In Carlsbad, California

Lockheed Martin will build 18 Wind Corrected Munitions Dispenser (WCMD) inert training rounds under a $1 million direct commercial sale contract from The Boeing Company for an undisclosed international customer. This contract marks the first international production work for Lockheed Martin's Carlsbad, CA, facility.

The Lockheed Martin WCMD training rounds will be designated as CBU-105/ D- 4 and used for load training, captive carry, and separation tests for Boeing's international customer. This contract for Lockheed Martin also sets the stage for future U.S. and international production orders of the WCMD-Extended Range (ER) and the Lockheed Martin LongShot programs.

"We plan to build the wing kits in the Carlsbad facility where they were originally designed and prototyped," said Ron Pomeroy, director of the WCMD-ER and LongShot programs at Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control. "Our team in Carlsbad has the expertise and experience needed to assemble these systems and we plan to do much more of this work there in the future." Carlsbad is currently used as an engineering and prototyping unit, but is expected to expand into a production facility.

The WCMD is a next-generation, inexpensive dispenser guidance tailkit that turns existing cluster munitions into all-weather precision-guided weapons. By correcting for launch transients, ballistic errors and winds aloft, the WCMD provides strike aircraft with an accurate pattern lay-down capability for cluster munitions from any operational altitude or weather condition.

The WCMD-ER system adds a wing kit to the GPS version of the WCMD tailkit to obtain a range of 30-40 miles. WCMD was combat proven in Afghanistan and Iraq on B-52 and F-16 aircraft, and is certified on the F-15E strike aircraft and B-1 bomber. Integration on the A-10, F-117 and F-35 Joint Strike Fight is also scheduled.

The Lockheed Martin LongShot range extension system is a low-cost, self- contained wing adaptor kit that provides range extension and autonomous guidance capability to a family of existing air-to-surface munitions. The LongShot has a range of up to 50 nautical miles, and is operable in day/night and in adverse weather. LongShot can be deployed against a wide range of fixed and relocateable targets.

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