Lockheed Martin Awarded $186 Million Contract To Upgrade P-3C Maritime Surveillance Aircraft Mission Systems For Pakistan Navy

The U.S. Navy's Naval Air Systems Command has awarded Lockheed Martina $186.5 million Foreign Military Sale contract to continue providing mission system upgrades and sustainment work for seven P-3C Orion maritime surveillance aircraft for the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

"This program represents an important expansion of the U.S. Navy, Pakistan Navy and Lockheed Martin P-3 relationship," said Tom Pillion, U.S. Navy Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft director for International Programs. "It provides a world-class maritime surveillance capability to the Pakistan Navy, and will be an important contributor to allied operations."

Lockheed Martin will continue to support the Pakistan Navy's P-3C Upgrade Program, which began in March 2006. Lockheed Martin has delivered one upgraded surveillance aircraft, which was inducted into the Pakistan Navy in January. A second aircraft is expected to join the fleet in March. The modified P-3Cs will further enhance the Pakistan Navy's capabilities to conduct maritime surveillance in littoral and deep water environments, supporting anti-ship and anti-submarine warfare operations.

"Lockheed Martin is pleased to have delivered the first aircraft to the Pakistan Navy and we continue our work on mission system upgrades to the remaining aircraft for Pakistan," said Richard Udicious, vice president and general manager of Lockheed Martin's Eagan, MN-based Tactical Systems business. "We continue our commitment to sustain, refresh and support the P-3 aircraft around the world in order to meet the operators' current and future needs."

"With 91 percent of all active-duty P-3's now carrying Lockheed Martin's integrated mission system, we know these aircraft will provide Pakistan's Navy with world-class performance," added Udicious. "The enhanced capabilities of these P-3's will allow Pakistan to further expand its role in both humanitarian and military operations."

As prime contractor to the U.S. Navy's Naval Air Systems Command, Lockheed Martin is the mission system integrator for the P-3C aircraft's mission avionics, including surveillance sensors, acoustic sensors, weapons control, communications, survivability, displays, and controls. The P-3C weapons system is the primary maritime surveillance aircraft operated by the U.S. Navy and 17 international allies.

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