Lockheed Martin To Upgrade Reconnaissance Capability For Republic Of Korea

RC-800 Radar and Ground Stations to be Upgraded

Lockheed Martin announced today that it is has been awarded a $28 million contract through the U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency for upgrades and continued support of RC-800 reconnaissance aircraft and associated ground stations for the Republic of Korea's Peace Krypton system. Peace Krypton collects reconnaissance imagery of selected areas during long-range missions.

"We appreciate the opportunity to extend our support of the Korean Air Force and the Peace Krypton system with our advanced synthetic aperture radar technology," said John Mengucci, vice president and general manager of the Mission and Combat Support Solutions Group for Lockheed Martin's Integrated Systems & Solutions business area.

Used by the Republic of Korea for tactical intelligence, the RC-800 is a militarized specialty version of the former Hawker RC-800XP series business jet. Lockheed Martin's work scope for the Peace Krypton RC-800 includes upgrading, sustainment and maintenance of the fleet's synthetic aperture radar (SAR). This includes spare and repair parts, support and test equipment, communication support, prime mission equipment, technical support, engineering, as well as other elements of program support. Under a related contract, Lockheed Martin also supports and maintains the Hawker aircraft. The majority of the work for this contract will be performed in Goodyear, AZ over the duration of the three-year project.

Since developing the first operational SAR system in the early 1950s, Lockheed Martin has developed SAR technologies that support tactical reconnaissance and signals intelligence operations for a diverse range of customers. These innovative technologies have included high-resolution image and moving target indicator radar, airborne VHF/UHF dual-band synthetic aperture radar for imaging concealed targets, foliage penetrating radar, podded reconnaissance sensors designed for under the weather flying and medium-to-high threat daytime imagery collection, and an all weather, passive detection and tracking system suitable for real time 3D air surveillance.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin employs about 140,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. The corporation reported 2006 sales of $39.6 billion.

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