

Lockheed Martin Awarded \$83 Million Automated Test Equipment Contract To Support U.S. Navy Fleet Aircraft

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Lockheed Martin was awarded an \$83 million contract to design, develop, fabricate, integrate, and test the Electronic Consolidated Automated Support System (eCASS) for the U.S. Navy. eCASS will replace the current Consolidated Automated Support System test equipment originally designed and built in the 1980s and fielded in the early 1990s.

eCASS will enable fleet aircraft maintenance personnel to keep aircraft mission ready at the most affordable life cycle cost for the Navy's current and future needs. Sailors and Marines use test program sets to troubleshoot and repair assemblies at sea or ashore, allowing them to repair units and return equipment to readiness status quickly and efficiently. Test program sets consist of hardware, diagnostic software, data and documentation capable of performing verification, alignment, adjustment, fault detection and isolation and interface adapters designed to interconnect with CASS.

eCASS, while compatible with the current CASS software, will also be able to run tests from new systems such as the F-35. It will have the ability to be "net-ready" in that can tie into Navy networks and manage data and information.

"eCASS provides a sound solution that allows for the upgrade of aging test equipment with a seamless transition and reduced downtime for our customer when our nation is at war," explained Debra Palmer, vice president of Enterprise Logistics Solutions at Lockheed Martin Simulation, Training & Support. "Receiving this award is further demonstration of our proven performance and support to the fleet during the past 25 years and our commitment to a seamless transition to a vastly improved capability for the Navy and Marine Corps."

Lockheed Martin's design and development contract also provides for the procurement of 14 engineering development models during the system design and development phase of the contract.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin is a global security company that 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 2009 sales of \$45.2 billion.

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