

BAE Systems to Provide IFF Technology for E-2D Hawkeye



An E-2D Hawkeye aircraft assigned to the “Bluetails” of Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 121 lands aboard USS George H. W. Bush (CVN 77) during flight deck certification. *U.S. NAVY / Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Bryan Valek*

GREENLAWN, N.Y. – The U.S. Navy has awarded BAE Systems a \$26 million contract for Identification Friend-or-Foe (IFF) spares for the E-2D Advanced Hawkeye aircraft, the company said in a Sept.9 release. Under the contract, BAE Systems will provide Beamforming Networks (BFNs), an integral part of antenna control for the AN/APX-122A IFF Interrogator system, onboard the carrier-capable tactical aircraft.

“These sets will provide situational awareness and early warning for U.S. Navy sailors and warfighters,” said Donna Linke-Klein, director of Tactical Systems at BAE Systems. “The Advanced Hawkeye is essential for battle management command and control, and our interrogator systems enable operators to identify friendly forces and make informed decisions in a variety of threat environments.”

The AN/APX-122A IFF Interrogator system provides positive identification of friendly aircraft, giving E-2D Advanced Hawkeye operators the situational awareness they need to safely complete their missions. These missions include command and control, border security, search and rescue, and missile defense. The AN/APX-122A IFF Interrogator system is produced exclusively for the E-2D, due to the extraordinary requirements for this aircraft.