

Collins Aerospace Awarded Risk Reduction Contract for Navy's E-XX Program



Mark Cejer sits at the controls of a flight simulator as Tracy Miller of Collins Aerospace gives him instructions. The simulator showcases Collins Aerospace's avionics. *SOLARES PHOTOGRAPHY*

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. – Collins Aerospace (Booth 701) has been awarded development of a very-low-frequency communication system for the E-6B Recapitalization Program (E-XX) as part of the Navy's Take Charge and Move Out Weapons System, the company said April 4.

The contract provides developmental design and risk reduction engineering efforts for airborne VLF system modernization in support of Airborne Strategic Command, Control, and Communications Program Office (PMA-271) capability

requirements. The development efforts and resulting system features enhanced security measures to address advanced and emerging threats.

This award is the first award of a series for the new E-XX test program. The open systems approach ensures that the terminal and remaining portions of the weapons systems can be easily integrated on the platform. Additionally, the new systems are easier to maintain and upgrade over the life of the aircraft making it a potential long-term solution for the Navy.

“This sole-source award underscores the recognized technical expertise that Collins brings to the TACAMO community,” said Heather Robertson, vice president and general manager of Integrated Solutions for Collins Aerospace. “As we are seeing the accelerated need for command, control and communication capabilities, our DoD partners can rely on Collins to deliver ready-now, comprehensive, integrated and durable solutions.”

The work will be completed at Collins’ Richardson, Texas, and Cedar Rapids, Iowa, facilities.