

GA-ASI, Kongsberg Advance Joint Strike Missile Integration for MQ-9B



FARNBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW – General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc. and Kongsberg Gruppen ASA completed the system requirements review and preliminary design review for the integration of the Joint Strike Missile weapon system onto MQ-9B.

This design and integration effort is a jointly funded project by both companies aimed at providing long-range strike capability for MQ-9B and its customers. These reviews were successfully completed in Kongsberg, Norway, on June 30.

MQ-9B is an industry-leading uncrewed aircraft system manufactured by GA-ASI and includes the SkyGuardian and SeaGuardian models. Kongsberg produces the JSM, a best-in-class weapon system for use against high-priority targets.

“We recognize the value JSM brings to our MQ-9B platform,”

said Niki Johnson, GA-ASI vice president, International Capture and Government Affairs. "This integration effort shows how industry can effectively collaborate to integrate new capabilities and make them available quickly to our warfighters."

MQ-9B is a long-endurance uncrewed platform that can conduct missions over land and over water. JSM is a fifth-generation stealth air-to-surface missile for use against high-priority targets.

"Having JSM integrated onto an uncrewed air platform – the MQ-9B – enables a highly capable strike mission set that can be employed in conjunction with or independently of piloted aircraft. This is an operational capability that we're seeing greater interest in across the defence sector," said Jens Gjestvang, senior vice president, Missiles and Aerostructures.