Leonardo to Build Navy's New Training Helicopter

ROME — Leonardo, through AgustaWestland Philadelphia Corp., has been awarded a contract valued at \$176.5 million for the production and delivery of 32 TH-73A helicopters, initial spares, support and dedicated equipment and specific pilot and maintenance training services, the company said in a release.

Work will be mostly performed at Leonardo's Philadelphia facility and is expected to be completed by October 2021.

"On the cusp of celebrating nearly 40 years of operating in Philadelphia, Leonardo is thrilled the U.S. Navy has selected our TH-119-based offer and us as a local and long-term partner," said Alessandro Profumo, Leonardo's CEO. "We are proud to be a core contributor to the future of U.S. defense."

"Today's brilliant news is a ringing endorsement for our solutions setting new industry standards for training," said Gian Piero Cutillo, managing director of Leonardo Helicopters. "We are committed to working with the U.S. Navy to ensure future pilots meet all evolving service requirements."

"Our plan since day one has been to offer the U.S. Navy the training capabilities they asked for, without compromise," said William Hunt, managing director of Leonardo Helicopters Philadelphia. "We are honored to deliver on that promise, build the new fleet in Philadelphia and maintain it from Milton, Florida."