

Navy Awards L3Harris \$104 Million Contract for F/A-18 EW System



Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 2nd Class Olivia Fobbs, from Los Angeles, signals an F/A-18F Super Hornet attached to the Diamondbacks of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 102 on the flight deck of the Navy's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) in support of Valiant Shield 2020. U.S. Navy / Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Samantha Jetzer

MELBOURNE, Fla.—The U.S. Navy has awarded L3Harris Technologies a \$104 million follow-on contract to supply the next production lot of the electronic warfare (EW) system that protects F/A-18 Hornet and Super Hornet aircraft against electronic threats. The announcement was made on Sept. 10 in conjunction with vHook'20 being held virtually, September 10-12.

L3Harris will manufacture and deliver Integrated Defensive Electronic Countermeasures (IDECM) jammer systems for the F/A-18C/D/E/F variants, with deliveries under the new contract expected to be completed by May 2024. The L3Harris ALQ-214A(V)4/5 is the key Onboard Jammer for the IDECM program, protecting the aircraft from electronic threats, including sophisticated integrated air defense systems. The company has received more than \$2 billion in awards to date from the Naval Air Systems Command for AN/ALQ-214 development and production.

"Our commitment to continually modernize F/A-18 EW systems has helped to keep naval aviators ahead of emerging threats and out of harm's way for more than two decades," said Ed Zoiss, President, L3Harris Space and Airborne Systems. "This longterm collaboration with the Navy and continued

development of advanced EW technology uniquely positions L3Harris to provide the jammer solution for the F/A-18 throughout the service-life of the aircraft.”

L3Harris has delivered EW solutions for a wide variety of airborne platforms for more than 60 years, including strategic bombers, tactical fighters and rotary aircraft.

L3Harris’ Space and Airborne Systems segment provides space payloads, sensors and full-mission solutions; classified intelligence and cyber defense; avionics; and electronic warfare solutions.