

Navy Orders Second Lot of TH-73A Training Helicopters



A Leonardo TH-73A training helicopter. AugustaWestland
ARLINGTON, Va. – The Navy has ordered a second lot of Leonardo TH-73A training helicopters from the company's U.S. operation, AugustaWestland.

The Naval Air Systems Command has awarded AugustaWestland a \$171.0 million firm-fixed-price contract modification to exercise an option for 36 TH-73As as part of the Advanced Helicopter Training System Program, according to a Nov. 12 Defense Department contract announcement. Fiscal 2021 funds were allocated for the contract modification.

The first production lot of 32 TH-73As was ordered in January 2020 with a contract award for \$176.5 million, which included initial spare parts, dedicated equipment and specific pilot and maintenance training services.

The TH-73A will replace the Bell TH-57B/C SeaRanger helicopter in Training Air Wing Five at Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Florida, in training rotary-wing pilots for the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

The TH-73A is a variant of the commercial Leonardo TH-119 helicopter.