

Navy Taps FlightSafety Services Corp. for New Training Helicopters Instruction

ARLINGTON, Va. – The U.S. Navy has selected a Denver-based aviation training company to provide ground instruction for the Navy's new TH-73A training helicopter.

The Naval Air Warfare Center Training Systems Division in Orlando, Florida, awarded FlightSafety Services Corp. a \$221 million firm, fixed-price, indefinite-delivery/indefinite-quantity contract for "aircrew training services for the TH-73A Advanced Helicopter Training System to include flight training devices (FTDs) and classroom instruction to train student naval aviators (SNAs) to the standards necessary to meet an annual pilot production rate of over 600 advanced rotary wing and intermediate tilt-rotor SNAs," the Aug. 25 Defense Department contract said.

The contract also provides for the operation and maintenance of the flight training devices for the TH-73A.

In January, the Navy selected the Leonardo TH-73A helicopter to replace its TH-57B/C Sea Ranger training helicopters. The TH-73A is based on the company's TH-119 design. Leonardo has been awarded a \$176.5 million contract to build 32 TH-73As for the initial batch and also to provide initial spares, support and dedicated equipment and specific pilot and maintenance training services, Leonardo said in a release.

FlightSafety's work will be performed in Milton, Florida, site of the Navy's helicopter training base. The work is expected to be completed in June 2026.