Raytheon Awards Ursa Major & Avio USA a Joint Contract to Develop Solid Rocket Motors for Tactical Tomahawk Missiles



ARLINGTON, Va. & BERTHOUD, Colo. – Ursa Major and Avio USA have been awarded a joint contract by Raytheon, an RTX business, to design, develop and qualify a new solid rocket motor booster for the Raytheon-produced Tomahawk® cruise missile. The award creates a pathway for both companies to become qualified U.S. suppliers for the program, expanding domestic propulsion options for a critical U.S. Navy capability.

Ursa Major and Avio USA are strategic partners on this multi-year program, combining Avio's longstanding heritage in solid rocket propulsion, proven manufacturing expertise, and investment in next-generation U.S. production capabilities

with Ursa Major's innovative design approach and advanced manufacturing processes.

"We are proud to have been selected alongside Ursa Major for this important work," said James Syring, CEO of Avio USA. "Our team has a deep understanding of the critical role the Tomahawk plays in America's defense and what it means to be entrusted with supporting this vital program. This award also marks a significant step forward for our planned U.S. manufacturing facility, which we are building to become a vital asset in America's defense industrial base for decades to come."

"Tomahawk is a critical capability for the warfighter, and meeting growing demand requires more capacity and a stronger, more resilient supply chain," said Jason Meredith, president of Ursa Major. "Our partnership with Avio USA brings together complementary capabilities to create additional reliable sources of solid rocket motors for Raytheon and the U.S. Navy. At the end of the day, this is about making sure the warfighter has the critical munitions they need, when they need them."

The award complements Avio USA's investment in a new advanced solid rocket motor manufacturing facility in southern Virginia, which the company broke ground on in September. It also builds on Ursa Major's expanding solid rocket motor portfolio and investment in manufacturing capacity, including propulsion systems across multiple tactical missile programs.

The companies intend to qualify the jointly designed booster and demonstrate eligibility for future production orders. By establishing qualified domestic suppliers, Raytheon will expand competition and production flexibility, strengthen supply chain resilience and help meet growing military demand for munitions.

"Expanding the industrial base for Tomahawk propulsion is

essential to ensuring this critical capability remains ready for the fleet," said Sam Deneke, president of Naval Power at Raytheon. "By dual-sourcing this critical component with both Avio USA and Ursa Major, we're strengthening our supply chain, encouraging innovation, and building the capacity needed to meet the Navy's mission requirements well into the future."

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