

Ultra, Sparton DLS Awarded \$11.6M for Advanced SSQ-125A Sonobuoys

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind. and DELEON SPRINGS, Fla. – Ultra Electronics Holdings and Sparton DLS have been awarded a \$11.6 million contract to their ERAPSCO joint venture for the manufacture of next-generation sonobuoys for the U.S. Navy, the companies said April 13.

The new buoy type, the AN/SSQ-125A (Q-125A) which was recently officially qualified, was developed by ERAPSCO after 24 months of effort. The Q-125A will provide advanced active sonar capabilities to the U.S. Navy fleet of antisubmarine warfare aircraft and will further the U.S. Navy's ability to counter stealthy modern submarines from foreign adversaries.

ERAPSCO will award production subcontracts in the amount of \$3.6 million and \$8 million to Ultra Electronics USSI and Sparton. Production operations will take place at Ultra Electronics USSI's Columbia City, Indiana, facility and Sparton's DeLeon Springs, Florida, facility, and are expected to be completed by November 2023.