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MIDS JTRS Receives Limited Production 2 Approval

Terminals slated for Navy's F/A-18E/F Super Hornet, Air Force's EC-130H Compass Call and RC-135 Rivet Joint

SAN DIEGO – The Joint Program Executive Office for the Joint Tactical Radio System (JPEO JTRS) announced today that the Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS JTRS) terminal was approved for Limited Production 2 procurement. The Acquisition Decision Memorandum was signed on January 31, 2011 by Dr. Ashton B. Carter, Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics.

"The MIDS JTRS Limited Production 2 decision is another major accomplishment for the MIDS Program and the JTRS Enterprise and advances the program one step closer to Full Production and the Initial Operational Capability (IOC) milestone," stated CAPT Scott Krambeck, USN, MIDS Program Manager.

The MIDS Program is one of five major ACAT 1D programs within the JTRS Enterprise. MIDS provides interoperable, affordable, and secure tactical data link and programmable networking technologies and capabilities for the Joint, Coalition, and International Warfighter. MIDS JTRS is a software defined networking terminal that is not only NSA Certified with the Link-16 Waveform, but is also equipped with Link-16 Enhanced Throughput (ET) and Link-16 Frequency Remapping (FR).

The MIDS JTRS terminal has demonstrated continued maturity over the past year, and with the successful completion of this Limited Production 2 decision, the MIDS JTRS program has reached another significant objective on its path to delivering the advanced networking capabilities into the hands of the Warfighter.

The MIDS Program Office is now authorized to allow MIDS JTRS to enter into a second Limited Production of 42 terminals for the Navy's F/A-18E/F Super Hornet, as well as the Air Force's EC-130H Compass Call and RC-135 Rivet Joint.

CAPT Krambeck adds, "While we still have some additional MIDS JTRS testing to conduct prior to Full Production and IOC, I am extremely pleased with the progress the team is making, the new trails we are blazing, and the lessons learned that we are sharing with our JTRS teammates. The outstanding government and industry MIDS JTRS Team continues to advance and demonstrate JTRS technology and soon the Warfighter will benefit. I am anxious to get MIDS JTRS operating in the fleet."

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About JPEO JTRS

The JPEO for JTRS, headquartered in San Diego, Calif., was initiated in early 1997 to improve and consolidate the Services' pursuit of separate solutions to replace existing legacy radios in the Department of Defense inventory. The JTRS program has evolved from separate radio replacement programs to an integrated effort to network multiple weapon system platforms and forward combat units where it matters most – the last tactical mile. JTRS will link the power of the Global Information Grid to the warfighter in applying fire effects and achieving overall battlefield superiority.

JTRS is developing an open architecture of cutting edge radio waveform technology that allows multiple radio types (e.g., handheld, aircraft, maritime) to communicate with each other. The goal is to produce a family of interoperable, modular software-defined radios which operate as nodes in a network to ensure secure wireless communication and networking services for mobile and fixed forces. These goals extend to U.S. allies, coalition partners and disaster response personnel.