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MIDS Program Office Awards Additional Contracts for MIDS-LVT and MIDS JTRS

SAN DIEGO – The Joint Program Executive Office for the Joint Tactical Radio System (JPEO JTRS) announced today that the Multifunctional Information Distribution System (MIDS) Program Office has completed additional contract actions in pursuit of its mission to develop, field, and support interoperable, affordable, and secure MIDS tactical data link and programmable networking technologies and capabilities for the Joint, Coalition, and International Warfighter.

U.S. Navy Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) has issued a new delivery order for Multifunctional Information Distribution System-Low Volume Terminals (MIDS-LVTs). The contracts were awarded to Data Link Solutions, LLC (DLS) and ViaSat, Inc. on July 15, 2011. The DLS delivery order initially called for 123 MIDS-LVT Lot 12 terminals, valued at approximately \$24 million total, while ViaSat received \$27.5 million for 149 terminals. A supplemental buy awarded September 15, 2011 adds \$1.6 million (8 terminals) for DLS and \$2.4 million for ViaSat (13 terminals), bringing the total contract awards to \$25.6 and \$29.9 million, respectively.

DLS will produce MIDS-LVT (1), (2), (4) and (11) variants for use by the U.S. Navy, Air Force, Army, and Department of Defense, as well as Australia and Japan via Foreign Military Sale. Work will be performed in Wayne, New Jersey and Cedar Rapids, Iowa and is expected to be completed by January 31, 2013.

ViaSat will produce MIDS-LVT (1), (2), (4), (6), and (11) variants for use by the U.S. Navy, Air Force, and Army, as well as Australia and Japan via Foreign Military Sale. Work will be performed in Carlsbad, California and various other sites worldwide. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in July 2012 and continue through March 2013.

Since their original introduction in 2000, MIDS-LVTs have provided secure, high-capacity, jam resistant, digital data and voice communications capabilities for a variety of platforms, including ships, aircraft, missile defense systems, and national and international command and control agencies. Over 8,100 MIDS-LVTs are on contract or have been delivered worldwide, with thousands of future installations and applications (US & International) projected through 2021.

The MIDS Program Office also recently completed contract actions related to the development and production of the MIDS JTRS terminal. On September 14 and 15, 2011, SPAWAR awarded engineering development orders to DLS and ViaSat. DLS received approximately \$9 million, while ViaSat received over \$13 million. The orders are part of the MIDS Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract, which was initially executed in March 2010. The contracted work will deliver the first series of annual block cycle software updates for MIDS JTRS terminals. Block Cycle 1 will provide information assurance modernization upgrades and additional enhancements.

MIDS JTRS is a Pre-Planned Product Improvement (P³I) upgrade to the MIDS-LVT. It provides core MIDS-LVT capabilities such as Link-16, TACAN, and secure voice, and is also capable of hosting the next generation airborne networking waveform(s). MIDS JTRS is scheduled for Full Production and Fielding (FP&F) and Initial Operational Capability (IOC) on F/A-18E/F and JSTARS in December 2011.

Regarding the recent batch of awards, MIDS Program Manager CAPT Scott Krambeck, USN, said, "I am extremely pleased with the capability that MIDS brings to the warfighter. MIDS provides the Link-16 backbone for the U.S. and 37 nations with installations on airborne, ground and maritime platforms. I am excited about incorporating new waveforms into the MIDS JTRS terminal and delivering even greater networking capability in the future."

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