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L-3 VERTEX AEROSPACE AWARDED \$12 MILLION NASA CONTRACT

MADISON, Miss. (May 12, 2005) - L-3 Communications Vertex Aerospace (L-3 Vertex) has been awarded a contract by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Ames Research Center and the U.S. Army Aeroflightdynamics Directorate. The base one-year award is \$2.9 million and the total four-year value with option periods is \$12 million.

L-3 Vertex will support helicopters used in research applications including the UH-60 Black Hawk and the OH-58C Kiowa, as well as Rotary-wing Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (RUAV). Services will include operational support, maintenance, research aircraft systems design and fabrication, airfield services, technical documentation, training, material acquisition and quality control.

“We are proud to be NASA’s choice in support of this very important mission,” said Dan Grafton, L-3 Vertex president. “NASA Ames performs vital testing of innovative aircraft configuration changes, fly-by-wire flight controls, and testing of operational tolerances. This is important research, and we are very pleased NASA Ames has once again conveyed its confidence in our team.” L-3 Vertex is the incumbent contractor in the program. The new contract was awarded in competition.

L-3 Vertex will provide on-site support to the Army & NASA helicopter and unmanned system programs located at Ames Research Center. This flight research program is under the direction of the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM).

L-3 Vertex Aerospace provides aviation and aerospace technical services, primarily to government customers. The company has more than 11,000 employees working from 300 locations worldwide. L-3 Vertex is a subsidiary of L-3 Communications’ Integrated Systems division.

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications (NYSE: LLL) is a leading provider of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) systems, secure communications systems, aircraft modernization, training and government services and is a merchant supplier of a broad array of high technology products. Its customers include the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, selected U.S. Government intelligence agencies and aerospace prime contractors.

To learn more about L-3 Communications, please visit the company's web site at www.L-3Com.com.

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the company's Safe Harbor Compliance Statement for Forward-looking Statements included in the company's recent filings, including Forms 10-K and 10-Q, with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date made, and the company undertakes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements.

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