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**L-3 Vertex Awarded USAF Special Operations Support Contract Valued at \$40.4 Million**

Madison, Miss (February 23, 2004)—L-3 Communications Vertex Aerospace (Vertex) has been awarded a six-month, \$3.6 million dollar contract to provide helicopter maintenance and airfield services at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. With the exercise of five, one-year option periods through September, 2009, the total value is \$40.4 million.

Vertex will support UH-1 “Huey” and HH-60 helicopters for the USAF 58<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Wing (58 SOW) and the 512<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron (512 RQS) at Kirtland. Services will include sortie generation (launch & recovery), flight line maintenance, troubleshooting and repair, phase inspections, functional check flight (test flight) services, quality management and production control.

The contracting authority is the USAF Air Education and Training Command (AETC), Specialized Contracting Squadron, Randolph AFB, Texas.

Vertex will employ more than 100 personnel in the program.

“We are delighted the AETC has chosen L-3 Vertex to support helicopter flying training at Kirtland,” said Dan Grafton, Vertex president. “We feel our in depth experience maintaining rotary-wing aircraft will help us provide a world-class service effort for the 58 SOW and the 512 RQS,” he said.

Vertex Aerospace provides aviation and aerospace technical services, supporting more than 2,800 aircraft for government customers worldwide. The company is a subsidiary of Greenville, Texas-based L-3 Communications Integrated Systems.

L-3 Communications Integrated Systems is an SEI CMM Level 5 developer and integrator of complex electronic systems for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) missions. Headquartered in Greenville, Texas, L-3/IS also operates from major sites in Madison, Miss.; Waco, Texas; Lexington, Ky.; Tulsa, Okla. and Avalon, Australia.

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Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications (NYSE: LLL) is a leading merchant supplier of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) products, secure communications systems and products, avionics and ocean products, training products, microwave components and telemetry, instrumentation, space and wireless products. Its customers include the Department of Defense, selected US government intelligence agencies, aerospace prime contractors and commercial telecommunications and wireless customers.

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