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**L-3 Vertex Awarded USAF F-16 Support Contract, Potential Value \$14.7 Million**

Madison, Miss (February 11, 2004)—L-3 Communications Vertex Aerospace (L-3 Vertex) has been awarded a one year, \$3 million dollar subcontract to provide Flight Line Maintenance and Support Services to support F-16 aircraft for the USAF 21<sup>st</sup> Fighter Squadron at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. With the exercise of four, one-year option periods, the total value of the subcontract is \$14.7 million.

The primary contract was awarded to Northwest Florida Facilities Management, Inc. (NFFM) of Ft. Walton Beach Fla. The contracting authority is the USAF Air Education and Training Command, Randolph AFB, Texas.

L-3 Vertex will support the squadron which includes 14 F-16A/B aircraft. The squadron mission is Foreign Military Sales (FMS) pilot training. Vertex services will include all aspects of sortie generation (launch and recovery), flight line maintenance, repair, troubleshooting, phase inspections, supply, aviation resource management and unit deployment.

“The AETC is among our largest and longest-standing customers,” said Dan Grafton, L-3 Vertex president. “Tactical aircraft support is a growth area for our business and we are very pleased to have been selected by NFFM to support the F-16 Fighting Falcons at Luke,” he said. The company also supports Air Force pilot-training aircraft used for primary and intermediate skills development.

L-3 Vertex 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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*L-3 Vertex F-16 Support Contract*

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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Except for historical information contained herein, the matters set forth in this news release are forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements set forth above involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from any such statement, including the risks and uncertainties discussed in 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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