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L-3 Vertex Awarded Drug Enforcement Administration Aviation Maintenance Program

MADISON, Miss. (December 19, 2007) L-3 Vertex Aerospace has been awarded a contract to provide total aviation support to the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The program includes a first-year, base-period and four, one-year option periods.

L-3 will provide total mission support for the full range of aviation operations to include: program management, aircraft maintenance support, training support, logistical support, inventory management, and administrative support necessary to sustain the worldwide DEA aircraft fleet in a safe, reliable and fully mission capable condition. L-3 will provide aircraft and/or equipment, pilot and observer services and special operations support as required.

The DEA Aviation Division (OA) mission includes, but is not limited to aerial surveillance, intelligence gathering, flight training, special operations, cargo delivery, personnel transport, administrative and maintenance operations.

L-3 Vertex President Ed Boyington, said, "L-3 is very pleased to be selected by the Department of Justice and the DEA to provide turnkey Contractor Logistics Support for DEA's critically important aviation program. This mission is extremely important to national security and this award is a testament to our company's 32-year history providing the highest quality aviation maintenance and supply chain support for our customers."

In addition to domestic operations, L-3 will support the DEA OA outside the United States in cooperation with individual host countries. The DEA assets include a variety of commercial fixed and rotor-wing, single and multi-engine piston, turbine and jet aircraft, some of which are modified and equipped with state-of-the art, highly sophisticated sensor equipment designed to facilitate detection and apprehension of violators.

Madison, Mississippi based L-3 Vertex Aerospace provides aviation and other aerospace technical services, primarily to government customers. With more than 11,000 employees working from 280 locations worldwide, Vertex is a subsidiary of L-3's Integrated Systems Group.

L-3 Communications Integrated Systems develops and integrates defense and commercial technology for U.S. and allied customers worldwide. Headquartered in Greenville, Texas, L-3 IS has more than five decades of experience in the development of complex intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems; command and control; and secure communications. It is recognized internationally as a systems integration organization specializing in the modernization and maintenance of aircraft of all sizes. It is a leader in advanced technologies for signal processing, electronic countermeasures, sensor development and aircraft self-protection. Systems provided or maintained by L-3 IS help protect military and civilian personnel, bases, assets and national borders throughout the world.

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications employs over 63,000 people worldwide and is a prime system contractor in aircraft modernization and maintenance, C3ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) systems and government services. L-3 is also a leading provider of high technology products, subsystems and systems. The company reported

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2006 sales of \$12.5 billion. To learn more about L-3, please visit the company's web site at www.L-3Com.com.

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