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## News

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### **L-3 VERTEX AEROSPACE AWARDED \$110.7 MILLION CONTRACT SUPPORTING ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AVIATION TRANSPORT**

MADISON, Miss. (March 18, 2005) - L-3 Vertex Aerospace (L-3 Vertex) has been awarded a contract to provide Contractor Operated and Managed Base Supply (COMBS) for the U.S. Army National Guard's worldwide C-23 Sherpa aircraft fleet. The base one-year award is \$6.6 million and the total value with nine, one-year option periods is \$110.7 million. The subcontract was awarded to L-3 Vertex by M7 Aerospace, which was awarded the prime contract by the U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM).

The C-23 Sherpa is a light transport aircraft used to support theater aviation, cargo, airdrop and aeromedical evacuation. L-3 Vertex will provide total contractor supply chain management services for C-23 aircraft, including worldwide procurement, spares repair, quality assurance and inventory tracking.

"Supply chain management is a large part of our core business," said Dan Grafton, L-3 Vertex president. "For our COMBS customers, we have perfected an efficient inventory delivery system, providing spare parts when and where needed on short notice," he said. "We are very pleased to team with M7 Aerospace in support of the C-23 Sherpa fleet."

Prime contractor M7 Aerospace will provide total program management for the C-23. M7 Aerospace is a privately held small business based in San Antonio, Texas, with five business units spanning a wide array of aviation services, including Aircraft Parts and Product Support, Government Logistics Support, Aerostructures Manufacturing, Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul and Visual Imaging.

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 (NYSE: LLL).

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications 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.

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