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L-3 VERTEX AEROSPACE AWARDED \$194 MILLION U.S. NAVY HELICOPTER SUPPORT CONTRACT

MADISON, Miss. (September 12, 2005) – L-3 Vertex Aerospace (L-3 Vertex) has been awarded a one-year, \$36.1 million contract to provide Contractor Logistics Support (CLS) for the U.S. Navy fleet of 120 TH-57 rotary-wing trainer aircraft. With the exercise of four, one-year options, the contract's total value is \$194 million.

L-3 Vertex will perform all scheduled and unscheduled maintenance, repair and supply operations to support 120 TH-57B/C Sea Ranger aircraft used to train helicopter pilots for the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, as well as foreign military participants. The TH-57 is a derivative of the popular commercial Bell Jet Ranger 206.

Work will be performed at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whiting Field, Milton, Fla., with a satellite operation at the Naval Air Warfare Center, NAS Patuxent River, Md. The program will be administrated from the L-3 Vertex headquarters in Madison. The contract was awarded by Naval Air Systems Command.

“We are extremely proud to be the Navy’s choice to provide a turnkey maintenance and supply operation supporting this critically important mission,” said Dan Grafton, L-3 Vertex president. “Almost all U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Coast Guard helicopter pilots receive their primary training and earn their wings in the TH-57. Support of U.S. Navy training aircraft has been a pillar of our company’s success over the past 28 years, and strengthening and expanding this sector is key to our future growth.”

L-3 Vertex has been incumbent CLS contractor for the TH-57 program since 1999. L-3 Vertex also supports other training aircraft (fixed-wing) for the Navy including the T-34, T-44, T-45, T-6, T-2 and T-39. The new contract was awarded in competition.

L-3 Vertex Aerospace provides aviation and aerospace technical services, primarily to government customers. The company has nearly 12,000 employees working from 300 locations worldwide. L-3 Vertex is a subsidiary of L-3’s 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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