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Raytheon Aerospace Awarded Air Force Contract to Support Fire-Fighting Training *6-Year Potential Value of \$3.9 Million*

MADISON, Miss. (August 26, 2002) –Raytheon Aerospace LLC has been awarded a one-year, \$660,000 contract to provide maintenance and logistics support for fire-fighter trainer equipment for the Louis F. Garland Fire Academy, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas. With the exercise of five, one-year options, the total value of the contract is \$3.9 million, extending through FY08.

Raytheon Aerospace will maintain 1,800 various training devices used in support of the fire-fighter training academy. This equipment includes respirators/air packs, breathing air systems, Aviation Ground Equipment (AGE), rescue manikins, rescue equipment and numerous types of *burn trainers* simulating rail cars, tanker trucks, building structures and aircraft such as the C-130, F-15, CH-53 and F-16. These simulators are used in training of fire suppression and personnel egress. Additional support includes leading advanced training courses such as Structural Collapse Training, Emergency Response Teams and Weapons of Mass Destruction. The contract also involves maintenance and preservation of all static/historical display aircraft and fire-trucks on the base. Approximately 3,000 students will be trained annually at the Academy. The contract was awarded by the Commander of USAF 17th Contracting Squadron.

“This award demonstrates our diverse capabilities in technical services,” says Dan Grafton, Raytheon Aerospace president and CEO. “We are proud of our long-term relationship with our Air Force customer supporting aircraft used for pilot training and transport services, and we are very pleased to include the important mission of fire-fighter training,” he says.

Raytheon Aerospace oversees and manages more than 1,800 aircraft and other equipment at 299 sites worldwide, providing contract maintenance and training support for military, government and commercial customers. The company has 5,400 employees, with 465 in the Madison, Mississippi home office. Raytheon Aerospace LLC is a portfolio company of Veritas Capital, a private equity investment firm based in New York.