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MIDS JTRS Reaches Critical Milestone

SAN DIEGO – The Joint Program Executive Office for the Joint Tactical Radio System (JPEO JTRS) announced today that the Multifunctional Information Distribution System Joint Tactical Radio System (MIDS JTRS) terminal was approved for Limited Production. The Acquisition Decision Memorandum was signed December 23, 2009 by Dr. Ashton B. Carter, Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics.

“The MIDS JTRS Limited Production decision is a major accomplishment for the MIDS Program and the JTRS Enterprise and is the culmination of years of outstanding work of all the people, both in government and industry, who support and are associated with the MIDS JTRS terminal,” stated CAPT Scott Krambeck, USN, MIDS Program Manager.

The MIDS Program Office is one of five major ACAT 1D programs within the JTRS Enterprise providing affordable and scalable solutions that achieve the DoD’s vision for advanced networking waveform capability for airborne, maritime, and ground domains. MIDS JTRS is a software defined networking terminal that will be NSA certified with the Link-16 Waveform and include Link-16 Enhanced Throughput (ET), Link-16 Frequency Remapping (FR), and be Information Assurance (IA) modification ready.

This decision confirms that the MIDS JTRS terminal has demonstrated it has met all acquisition milestone criteria, including successful completion of an Operational Assessment (OA) test phase, and is poised to enter the production phase. With the successful completion of this Limited Production decision, the MIDS JTRS program moves one step closer to delivering the advanced networking capabilities into the hands of the warfighter and is on track to enter Initial Operational Test and Evaluation in 3rd quarter FY 2010.

The MIDS Program Office is now authorized to enter into a Limited Production of 41 terminals for both Air Force and Navy platforms, including the Navy’s F/A-18E/F Super Hornet.

CAPT Krambeck adds, “MIDS JTRS continues to blaze new trails for the JTRS Enterprise by being the first JTRS software defined networking terminal to complete Security Verification Testing (SVT), an Operational Assessment (OA), and enter into the Limited Production phase. Next up is formal NSA Certification, Operational Test, and then the Final Production phase. The warfighter requires this terminal, and we are doing our best to deliver a quality product to meet their needs. I am honored and humbled to lead this awesome MIDS JTRS team.”

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About JPEO JTRS

The JPEO for JTRS, headquartered in San Diego, Calif., was initiated in early 1997 to improve and consolidate the Services' pursuit of separate solutions to replace existing legacy radios in the Department of Defense inventory. The JTRS program has evolved from separate radio replacement programs to an integrated effort to network multiple weapon system platforms and forward combat units where it matters most – the last tactical mile. JTRS will link the power of the Global Information Grid to the warfighter in applying fire effects and achieving overall battlefield superiority.

JTRS is developing an open architecture of cutting edge radio waveform technology that allows multiple radio types (e.g., handheld, aircraft, maritime) to communicate with each other. The goal is to produce a family of interoperable, modular software-defined radios which operate as nodes in a network to ensure secure wireless communication and networking services for mobile and fixed forces. These goals extend to U.S. allies, coalition partners and disaster response personnel.