



Team Spartan to Highlight Capabilities and Canadian Industrial Strength at DEFSEC for Fixed-Wing Search and Rescue Program

OTTAWA, Ontario (September 6, 2016) – Team Spartan, which is offering its C-27J aircraft as part of Canada’s Fixed-Wing Search and Rescue (FWSAR) competition, will be highlighting the aircraft’s capabilities and potential economic and employment impact in Nova Scotia and across Canada at the 2016 Defence and Security exposition (DEFSEC) at Halifax’s Cunard Centre, between September 7th and 8th.

The Team Spartan exhibit at DEFSEC 2016 will demonstrate the unique capabilities of the aircraft and the size and scope of the team’s industrial partners that will create high-tech and manufacturing jobs across Canada – including significant programs in and around Halifax -- if the C-27J is chosen to be the next FWSAR platform for Canada.

Nova Scotia-represented companies that are part of Team Spartan include IMP Aerospace, Bluedrop Training & Simulation and General Dynamics Mission Systems-Canada. All three companies expect to bring long-term, high-tech jobs to the region with a program win.

“Team Spartan has developed a very strong partnership with Canadian companies here in Halifax and across the country that will play an enormous role in bringing this aircraft to all Canadians,” said Steve Lucas, Team Spartan’s spokesman. “The C-27J is a proven Search and Rescue platform, already in service with the US Coast Guard. Aviation and defence professionals attending this show from all over Canada will be able to see what Team Spartan and the C-27J will provide to Canada for this important program,” Lucas said.

Team Spartan, led by Leonardo Aircraft and General Dynamics Mission Systems-Canada (GDMS-C), will be joined at the exhibition by two of its key Canadian partners, Halifax-based IMP Aerospace which is responsible for the integration of the GDMS-C made mission system into the C-27J fleet, and DRS Technologies Canada which is responsible for pilot and maintenance crew training systems.

Ahead of the exhibition, Team Spartan will hold a community event in Halifax focused on the technology and manufacturing capabilities it will be offering the Nova Scotia region. The event, to be held at the IMP Aerospace facilities adjacent to the Halifax Stanfield International Airport on September 6th, will attract local and dignitaries and federal representatives who will listen to

presentations on the economic and employment impacts on the region as well as around the country. Team Spartan will also outline the world-class C-27J and why it is the right plane for the FWSAR program.

FWSAR is a program designed to save lives, and only uncompromising solutions matter. The Team Spartan C-27J is that solution and will be an effective, multi-mission asset that will not only replace two different aging fleets of aircraft but bring the FWSAR program into the 21st century with a more capable, less costly platform equipped with modern lifesaving technology.

The C-27J, already in operation with the U.S. Coast Guard as a search and rescue platform, will be the best choice to meet Canada's future FWSAR requirements given:

- its capability to rapidly respond to emergency situations across the vast expanse of the Canadian SAR Area of Responsibility (AOR) in all weather conditions;
- its state-of-the-art Canadian-made mission suite and sensor systems, designed to quickly locate people in distress;
- its proven air delivery systems, able to deploy with maximum accuracy, emergency equipment and supplies.

For more information about Team Spartan and the C-27J, visit www.C-27J.ca

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