



Team Spartan to Highlight Potential Economic Boost in Halifax for Fixed-Wing Search and Rescue Program

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (September 7, 2016) – Team Spartan, which is offering its C-27J aircraft as part of Canada’s Fixed-Wing Search and Rescue (FWSAR) competition, highlighted the potential economic and job benefits the program could bring to the Halifax region during a reception at the IMP Aerospace facilities, where much of the initial mission systems integration work is planned to be performed.

General Dynamics Mission Systems-Canada, with facilities in Dartmouth, IMP Aerospace and Bluedrop Training & Simulation, both based in Halifax, are key Canadian partners within Team Spartan. Halifax community representatives, federal officials and members of the Canadian Armed Forces came together to hear how Team Spartan intends to bring high-tech jobs and a positive economic impact to the local economy if the C-27J is chosen as Canada’s next FWSAR platform.

“The Team Spartan proposal is an exciting opportunity to create jobs, increase our advanced technology and manufacturing capability and grow the economy, said Nova Scotia Minister of Business Mark Furey. “Nova Scotia has the experience and capability to deliver state-of-the-art equipment for the Canadian Armed Forces, and we would be proud to play a role in keeping Canadians safe by participating this important project.”

“Team Spartan is proud of its pan-Canadian industrial partners and what potential high-tech capabilities it could bring to communities here in Nova Scotia,” said Steve Lucas, spokesman for Team Spartan. “Not only could the advanced technology capabilities be substantial for the region, but the Team Spartan sustainment efforts for the program will be supported by strong Canadian industrial capabilities around the country,” Lucas said.

The Halifax-regional team will play a significant role in transforming the C-27J into a fully capable FWSAR platform. IMP Aerospace, with its operations at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport, will lead the integration of the high-tech search and rescue equipment into the aircraft, including the main mission system that was developed by General Dynamics Mission Systems-Canada. Bluedrop Training & Simulation will develop the courseware for the training element of the C-27J FWSAR program.

Team Spartan will also be exhibiting the capabilities of the C-27J at the Canadian Defence and Security trade show (DEFSEC) this week as well as highlighting its strong Canadian industrial partners. In addition to IMP Aerospace, Team Spartan will be joined at the exhibition by DRS Technologies Canada which is responsible for the overall pilot and maintenance crew training systems.

The FWSAR is a program designed to save lives, and only uncompromising solutions matter. The C-27J FWSAR 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 platform, modern lifesaving technology, and aircraft that are less costly to operate.

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

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