

## **Finmeccanica - Alenia Aermacchi Awarded Training Contract with United States Coast Guard**

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**Washington, D.C., June 16, 2014** – Finmeccanica - Alenia Aermacchi has been awarded a contract with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) to provide training services for initial cadre members who will fly the USCG's newly acquired C-27J. The training will consist of in-class sessions, flight simulation instruction, and in-flight training for USCG pilots and loadmasters.

In 2013, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) received 14 C-27Js through the 2014 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The aircraft will be used for medium range surveillance USCG missions such as maritime patrol, drug and migrant interdiction, disaster response, and search and rescue.

Finmeccanica - Alenia Aermacchi is proud to have the opportunity to provide the United States Coast Guard with outstanding training services that will help service men and women effectively perform their missions on the C-27J. The company is committed to providing a best value aircraft and respective sustainment services that will improve response capability and operational effectiveness for the USCG.

The C-27J represents a highly efficient, cost-effective solution to the USCG's recapitalization program. Its selection by the USCG reinforces the C-27J's proven adaptability, maneuverability, and speed for maritime and search and rescue missions.

### **About Finmeccanica-Alenia Aermacchi**

Alenia Aermacchi, a Finmeccanica company, has a role of primary importance in the world's civil and defence aeronautical industry and counts a total workforce of ca. 11,000 people and operates in the design, development, production and integrated support of commercial and military aircraft, trainers, unmanned aerial vehicles and aerostructures. In 2013, Alenia Aermacchi reported revenues of € 3.34 billion, orders of € 3.98 billion and a backlog of € 9.0 billion.

### **About the C-27J**

The C-27J is the perfect fixed wing multi-role airlift aircraft for today's complex operating environments. Extremely maneuverable and versatile, the rugged C-27J boasts the highest power-to-weight ratio in its class, and the ability to perform fighter aircraft-like 3.0g force maneuvers -- enabling it to make tight turns, and to climb and descend quickly. It can fly farther, faster and higher than any other twin engine military transport aircraft in its class. Its low operating cost makes it an ideal platform in today's fiscally constrained environment. The Spartan has been ordered by the Services of Italy, Greece, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Romania, Morocco, Mexico, United States, Australia, Peru, and an undisclosed African country for a total of 76 aircraft.

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