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SPAWAR Awards Contract Modification for MIDS Terminals

SAN DIEGO – EUROMIDS, (a European consortium comprised of EADS Deutschland GmbH, Indra EWS, MID SpA, and Thomson-CSF Communications) located in Paris, France is being awarded a €199,798,688 (euros) indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contract modification for the industrialization, production, system engineering and integration support of the Multifunctional Information Distribution System-Low Volume Terminals. The MIDS-LVT provides secure, high capacity, jam resistant, digital data and voice communications capability for ship, air and land based platforms. The sole source delivery order contract is tailored to satisfy the requirements of four European nations including France, Germany, Italy, and Spain.

The Department of Defense announced Dec. 13, 2000 that it had completed an international agreement for cooperative production of Multifunctional Information Distribution System (MIDS) terminals with France, Germany, Italy and Spain on production lines to be established in both the United States and Europe. MIDS terminals offer coalition aircraft and ground-based platforms common tactical battlespace information required for critical NATO operations, providing jam-resistant, secure, digital voice and data communications to the warfighter. The agreement, signed on behalf of the Department of Defense by Jacques S. Gansler, under secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, is viewed as an important milestone in DoD's efforts to promote interoperability in systems and equipment, not only for U.S. forces, but also with these NATO partners.

The contract period of performance is for nine years with a maximum number of 2,592 terminals. The contract modification includes a firm fixed price amount of €100,392,967 euros for MIDS terminals, spares, set-up/management, test equipment, and assembly/integration of Engineering Manufacturing Development terminals; and cost plus fixed fee/time and material ceiling amounts of €9,521,801 euros for technical and engineering services; hardware/software support, Engineering Manufacturing Development equipment depot repairs/modifications/ upgrades. A delivery order is issued concurrently for MIDS terminals and spares in the firm fixed price amount of €39,883,900 euros. The Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, San Diego is the contracting activity (N00039-00-D-2103).

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The DOD announcement may be found at:

http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Dec2000/b12132000_bt740-00.html