



## Northrop Grumman Industry Team Ready to Meet Air Force Requirements with a Cost-Effective Joint STARS Recap Solution

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MELBOURNE, Fla., June 12, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) through its Aerospace Systems sector, has formed an industry team with General Dynamics (NYSE: GD) and its subsidiary, Gulfstream, and L-3 (NYSE: LLL) to pursue the U.S. Air Force's Joint STARS recap program.

The Northrop Grumman logo, featuring the company name in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a stylized blue graphic element consisting of two vertical bars of unequal height and a horizontal bar connecting them at the top, forming a partial 'N' or a square-like shape.

This complementary team leverages Northrop Grumman's role as the prime industry contractor for the Joint STARS E-8C wide area ground surveillance, and battle management command and control mission for the U.S. Air Force for more than 30 years, Gulfstream's award-winning business aircraft, and L-3's expertise in aircraft modification and world-class communications solutions.

"We have unmatched, proven expertise to advance the U.S. Air Force's battle management command and control, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance mission," said Tom Vice, corporate vice president and president, Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems. "We meet, or exceed, the Air Force's acquisition requirements by integrating our team's independently developed, mature and proven systems at the lowest cost, with the lowest risk to provide an innovative acquisition solution."

"Gulfstream offers the best possible combination of performance, cost-effectiveness and availability," said Larry Flynn, president, Gulfstream. "This team's Joint STARS recap proposal marries the extensive and varied experience of this team with the advanced and proven technology of Gulfstream business aircraft, resulting in a mature, non-developmental, ramp-ready solution for the Air Force."

The Gulfstream aircraft will provide the Air Force with key mission system requirements – speed, range, altitude, endurance and reliability – well positioning the team to deliver a highly capable, cost-effective and innovative battle management command and control/intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance solution to the Air Force, integrated on an efficient, business jet platform.

"L-3 is excited to join a world class team to recapitalize a critical program for the U.S. Air Force," said Mark Von Schwarz, senior vice president and president of L-3 Aerospace Systems. "Our intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft integration capability and performance are industry-leading, as demonstrated by the delivery of 56 aircraft 100% on-time or early and within budget, over the past 30 months. We are joining an equally impressive Northrop Grumman industry team to ensure affordable, next-generation performance not only today but into the future."

Using open architecture and commercial-off-the-shelf technologies, the growth potential of the Next Generation Joint STARS platform will ensure it remains relevant to meet evolving threats the warfighter may encounter for decades to come.

General Dynamics is a leading aerospace and defense company delivering superior products and services in business aviation; combat; information technology; and shipbuilding. Gulfstream designs, develops, manufactures and services the world's most technologically advanced business-jet aircraft, and has produced more than 2,400 aircraft for customers around the world. More information about the company is available at [www.generaldynamics.com](http://www.generaldynamics.com).

L-3 is headquartered in New York City, employs approximately 45,000 people worldwide and is a prime contractor in aerospace systems and national security solutions. L-3 is also a leading provider of a broad range of communication and electronic systems and products used on military and commercial platforms. The company reported 2014 sales of \$12.1 billion. To learn more about L-3, please visit the company's website at [www.L-3com.com](http://www.L-3com.com).

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