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DARPA KICKS OFF JOINT UCAV DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) today awarded modifications to Northrop Grumman and Boeing for work under the Joint Unmanned Combat Air Vehicle (J-UCAV) demonstration program.

The Boeing Co., Phantom Works, Seattle, Wash., and Northrop Grumman, Air Combat Systems, El Segundo, Calif., each were issued an undefinitized modification to their other transaction for prototypes agreement. The terms and amount of these modifications will be negotiated over the next few weeks. Funding for Boeing will not exceed \$140 million; funding for Northrop Grumman will not exceed \$160 million.

Under these modifications, Northrop Grumman and Boeing will adapt their UCAV designs and demonstration plans to focus on a more common set of Service objectives. The common objectives specify, among other things, a combat radius of 1,300 nautical miles with a full payload of 4,500 pounds. The modifications also initiate Phase IIB of the Naval UCAV effort.

In Phase IIB of the Naval UCAV effort, Northrop Grumman will, subject to available funds, develop a minimum of two full-scale, flight-worthy demonstrator vehicles that conform to the common objectives, and design and conduct a demonstration program to satisfy the Navy's and possibly Air Force demonstration objectives.

With their modification, Boeing is being asked to develop a minimum of three X-45Cs. Boeing will use the X-45C air vehicles to conduct demonstrations to meet Air Force and Navy objectives.

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