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DARPA AWARDS FUNDING FOR JOINT UNMANNED COMBAT AIR SYSTEMS' X-47B

The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has awarded Northrop Grumman Corp., Integrated Systems Sector, San Diego, Calif., \$56,485,853 to continue the X-47B portion of the Joint Unmanned Combat Air Systems' (J-UCAS) demonstration program.

The award funds the first 11 months of a revised program plan that includes full carrier suitability testing and mission functionality demonstrations including electronic support measures and multi-ship operations, and reduces the number of aircraft to be built from three to two. This agreement replaces the agreement awarded August 18, 2004, and covers the X-47B program as it transitions to Joint Program Office management at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio.

The J-UCAS program is a joint DARPA/U.S. Air Force/U.S. Navy effort to demonstrate the technical feasibility, military utility and operational value of a networked system of high performance, weaponized, unmanned air vehicles to effectively and affordably execute combat missions. The X-47 portion of the program will combine advanced air vehicle hardware, including integrated sensors, communication, and navigation equipment with the J-UCAS *Common Operating System* to demonstrate the capabilities of the J-UCAS system in realistic mission scenarios.

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