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DRS Technologies wins contract worth USD 43.9 million

DRS Technologies, Inc., a Finmeccanica (FNC.MI) company, has been awarded a contract worth USD 43.9 million to supply P5 aerial training systems. DRS will be responsible for manufacturing, testing and fielding the systems on various aircrafts, including the F-15, F-16, FA-18 and AV-8B.

The P5 systems will be used by the US Navy based in the United States, and by the US Air Force stationed at bases in Italy, the UK and Germany. The systems will be produced at the DRS facility in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and deliveries will begin in mid-2010.

The systems will be installed on aircraft used in training exercises. They will record mission data and transmit temporal, spatial and positioning data between the various aircraft. At the end of each training mission, the recorded information is transferred to ground station consoles, allowing the crews' performance to be analysed and their operational abilities to be fine-tuned. This latest agreement brings the total number of next-generation training systems ordered from DRS to 1,209.