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SARGENT FLETCHER INC.

Sargent Fletcher to Supply Pneumatic Weapons Carriage Systems for Boeing Small Diameter Bomb (SDB) Program

Sargent Fletcher Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Cobham plc, announced today that The Boeing Company awarded Sargent Fletcher a contract worth over \$14 million for the continued development of a pneumatic weapons carriage system for the Small Diameter Bomb program. The program is estimated to generate over \$160 million in sales for Sargent Fletcher.

The Pneumatic Weapons Carriage System will be capable of carrying and safely ejecting four SDB's at up to and including supersonic speeds from a fighter, bomber, or unmanned aircraft that will destroy targets from a range of greater than 40 nautical miles and penetrate more than 3 feet of steel-reinforced concrete.

Sargent Fletcher is expected to build an estimated 2,000 pneumatic weapons carriage systems to support Boeing's estimated 24,000 (250-pound class), precision-guided SDB weapons during the future production phase of the program. The pneumatic weapons carriage systems will be manufactured at Sargent Fletcher's facility in El Monte, CA, with the first production delivery scheduled in early 2006.

"This contract, in addition to our recent awards for the pneumatic BRU-47Pn rack system for the Boeing X-45C Joint-Unmanned Combat Air System, the pneumatic rack system for the Lockheed Martin F-16 Block 60 program, and the pneumatic BRU-46Pn and BRU-47Pn rack systems for USAF F-15E aircraft, will solidify Sargent Fletcher's position as world leader in aircraft pneumatic weapon release equipment for decades to come," said Frank Garcia, Sargent Fletcher Director of Business Development.



Photograph: F-15E with Boeing SDB's mounted on a Sargent Fletcher Pneumatic Weapons Carriage

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