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SARGENT FLETCHER INC.

Sargent Fletcher's Pod Structure Selected with BAE Systems' Counter-MANPADS Program

Sargent Fletcher Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Cobham plc, announced today that Sargent Fletcher is a member of a BAE Systems-led team that was awarded \$45M by the Counter-MANPADS (Man-Portable Air Defense Systems) Special Projects Office within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to move forward with Phase 2 development, testing, and evaluation of prototype systems using existing military and commercial technologies.

BAE Systems has put together the right team, including leaders in the commercial aviation industry, to produce a state-of-the-art IR (Infrared) missile protection system that leverages proven military technology to fit seamlessly into the commercial airline industry. The BAE Systems' team is proud to offer a solution to this critical national issue.

The BAE Systems-led team includes the key partners of Honeywell Aerospace, American Airlines, and Sargent Fletcher Inc. Honeywell will lead the Operations and Support component of the program. American Airlines will provide critical stakeholder perspective to ensure commercial compatibility. Sargent Fletcher will provide the pod structure, which will contain the missile detection and countermeasure equipment.

“We will ensure that we exceed pod structure requirements for the commercial expectations of this initiative. This program, in addition to other recent awards for electronic pod structures; will solidify Sargent Fletcher's position as a world leader in aircraft special purpose (electronic) pod design and manufacture for years to come,” said Frank Garcia, Sargent Fletcher Director of Business Development.

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