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### **Curtiss-Wright Selected By Thales to Provide Rugged Pre-Integrated Mission Computer**

***For use with the Thales Elix-IR™ Next Generation Threat Warning System***

ASHBURN, Va. – April 10, 2018 -- [Curtiss-Wright's Defense Solutions division](#) today announced that it was selected by Thales UK to provide its [commercial-off-the-shelf \(COTS\) open architecture Packaged COTS \(PCOTS\) pre-integrated system technology](#) for use with [Thales' new Elix-IR Next Generation Threat Warning System](#). Elix-IR, an airborne multifunction passive infrared (IR) threat warning system designed to provide enhanced mission survivability, is scheduled for production release in the third quarter of 2018. Under the contract, Curtiss-Wright will provide Thales with a custom PCOTS [rugged mission computer](#). The system, housed in a rugged chassis, features Curtiss-Wright [3U OpenVPX™ single board computers](#) and [switches](#) and integrates two [FPGA cards](#). The initial system development contract is valued at \$300,000. The potential lifetime value of the production contract is estimated at \$30 million. Production will begin in late 2018 and is expected to run through 2028.

"We are very excited to have been selected by Thales UK to provide our pre-integrated COTS rugged mission computer for use with this important next-generation threat warning system and especially proud that it has been developed by our UK systems team to support Thales locally," said Lynn Bamford, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Defense Solutions division.

#### **About the Thales Elix-IR:**

Developed through a Technology Demonstrator Programme (TDP) jointly funded by Thales and the UK Ministry of Defence, Elix-IR provides advanced combined simultaneous and unimpeded missile warning, hostile fire indication (HFI) and 360° coverage from a single sensor system. The system can detect passive ManPortable Air Defense Systems (ManPADS) and CrewPADS, while simultaneously offering HFI of small-to-large caliber guns, rocket propelled grenades (RPGs), and other unguided rockets that are threatening the platform. Designed for use on a wide range of rotary and fixed-wing platforms, such as helicopters, transport aircraft and VIP aircraft the system has a growth path to support fast jets and unmanned aircraft systems (UAS).

Curtiss-Wright is manufacturing the products covered by this agreement at its List X facility in Letchworth, UK. The products will be shipped to Thales in Reading, UK.

For more information about Curtiss-Wright's Defense Solutions division, please visit [www.curtisswrightds.com](http://www.curtisswrightds.com).

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