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## **Cobham Awarded DARPA Soldier Radio Contract Worth More Than US\$13 Million**

LOWELL, Massachusetts – Cobham has received a DARPA contract worth more than US\$13 million to develop a highly-capable, cost-effective military radio for use by ground personnel, leveraging investments previously made by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) under the Wireless Network after Next (WNaN) program.

This program, known as Advanced Wireless Networks for the Soldier (AWNS), will develop innovations for individual soldier networked radio nodes and integrate them with commercial state-of-the-art data devices and services to create an advanced Soldier Information System (SIS). The Air Force Research Laboratory is the contracting agency for this program. The program's period of performance runs through May 2013.

AWNS will integrate commercial manufacturing products, applications, and components with high-assurance military communications technology, using the cost-effective WNaN radio as the base platform. Advanced technologies will be integrated onto this platform to improve performance, compatibility, and connectivity with external systems, and provide the soldiers with advanced network based services and applications.

To date, Cobham has received WNaN radio-related contracts totalling approximately US\$48 million.

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### **About Cobham:**

Cobham specializes in meeting the insatiable demand for data, connectivity and bandwidth in defense, security and commercial environments. Offering a technically diverse and innovative range of technologies and services, the Group protects lives and livelihoods, responding to customer needs with agility that differentiates it. The most important thing we build is trust. Employing more than 11,000 people on five continents, the Group has customers and partners in over 100 countries, with annual revenue of some £1.9bn /US\$3 billion.

## **About Cobham Sensor Systems:**

Cobham Sensor Systems designs and manufactures active and passive microwave components, assemblies and subsystems for the aerospace and defence industries, and is the leading supplier of many microwave products.

Sensor Systems specialises in RF and microwave front ends for radar, phased arrays, communication and electronic warfare systems, providing components, integrated assemblies and subsystems for military aircraft, ground vehicles, missiles, naval vessels, space launch vehicles and satellites.

Cobham Sensor Systems components and subsystems are at the heart of many of the world's prominent military platforms, including the US Navy's Aegis radar system, Lockheed Martin F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter and a host of strategic and tactical munitions.

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