

News Release

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Cobham Wins US Army Personal Cooling System Deal Worth Up to US\$110 Million

ORCHARD PARK, New York – Cobham has been awarded a five year, Indefinite Delivery, Definite Quantity (IDDDQ) contract from the US Army to provide Microclimate Cooling Systems to the Air Warrior program office. Cobham's initial task order is valued at approximately US\$6.5 million, with expected revenue of up to \$110m during the next five years.

Work under this contract will be performed by Cobham Life Support, a strategic business unit within Cobham's Mission Systems Division, at Orchard Park, New York. The US Army Aviation and Missile Command is the contracting authority. This award was announced June 30, 2009 on the US Government's [Federal Business Opportunities](#) website.

Kelly Coffield, Cobham Life Support President said:

"We are pleased with the US Army's continued commitment to increasing the performance of the warfighter through the use of microclimate cooling. These systems significantly contribute to keeping our forces mission ready and combat effective."

Cobham's Microclimate Cooling System (MCS), a compact, lightweight, self-contained vapour compression cycle cooling system, is designed for operation on helicopters and ground vehicles and can accommodate single or multiple users. More than 15,000 systems are employed by US military helicopters – including the AH-64 Apache, the CH-47 Chinook and the UH-60 Blackhawk – and US military ground vehicles including the Bradley, Stryker and M1A1 tanks where high temperatures can limit human operational effectiveness.

The MCS helps prevent heat stress by maintaining safe core body temperatures. It extends the mission duration of Soldiers, Marines, and Airmen who are deployed to extreme climates, or who are thermally burdened by required body armor or other protective clothing. To see how the microclimate cooling system serves the troops, please view Cobham's [microclimate cooling video](#).

About Cobham:

Cobham's products and services have been at the heart of sophisticated military and civil systems for more than 70 years, keeping people safe, improving communications and enhancing the capability of land, sea, air and space platforms. The Company has four divisions employing more than 12,000 people on five continents, with customers and partners in over 100 countries and annual revenue of more than £1.4 billion / US\$ 2.1 billion.

Cobham Life Support is a world leader in life support and personal survival equipment for use under extreme conditions including oxygen systems for aviators and astronauts, crew restraints, flotation gear, emergency beacons and crew and cargo release mechanisms.

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