

## News Release

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### **Cobham Digital Audio Control System (DACS) Fielded By US Helicopters**

KELOWNA, Canada – Cobham's Digital Audio Control System (DACS) has been installed for the first time into helicopters based in the United States.

Two EC145's, owned and operated by Flight For Life Transport System, a helicopter emergency medical service (EMS) provider in Waukesha, Wisconsin, have been equipped with DACS. The first helicopter entered service on 30 June operating from Waukesha while the second helicopter entered service on 3 September operating from McHenry, Illinois. Helicopter Specialties Inc. in Janesville, Wisconsin performed the DACS installations.

DACS hardware qualification was completed in August 2008 and final certification is expected to complete this summer, with TSO deliveries expected during the fourth quarter of 2009.

With installations now completed and certified by both Original Equipment Manufacturers and completion centres, the system has been flying for more than two years and has been proven in nearly 100 installations across a number of airframe types. In all instances, DACS has been given a unanimous thumbs-up for the system's simplified installation, superior performance in high noise environments and configurability for special mission and tactical operations.



ACP53 Audio Control Panel



AMU50 Audio Management Unit



RM01 Remote Memory



ACP51 Audio Control Panel

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