

Marshall to provide engineering services on Aerodata's ATR-72 programme

Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group has entered a contract to provide Special Mission role conversion engineering services to Germany-based Aerodata in relation to its ATR-72 modification programme. The services will include the design, manufacture and certification of equipment to support the conversion of two Alenia Aermacchi ATR-72 500s into maritime surveillance aircraft; which are scheduled to enter the Navy service of one of Aerodata's customers in 2018 and 2019.

The role conversion modifications include the installation of radar, camera and self-protection equipment, as well as stores pylons. Marshall will be responsible for the engineering of kits, fixtures and fittings to support the integration and certification of this equipment.

Steve Fitz-Gerald, CEO of Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group, comments: "During our 90-plus-year aerospace history we have worked on more than 30 different platforms, including Airbus 318, Boeing P-8, C-130, Tristar and VC-10 – making us an extremely experienced Special Mission partner. We are pleased to be supporting Aerodata in delivering the mission capability requirements of its customer."

Marshall's project responsibilities will be performed at its Cambridge headquarters, where it has a team of more than 2,000 highly trained personnel and access to an extensive range of engineering and test facilities. Moreover, Marshall has a proven track record of managing all of the aerodynamic, structural, avionics, electrical and overall performance implications that arise during Special Mission conversions.

A team of engineers from Marshall will visit Aerodata's facilities in Braunschwig, Germany, during the installation phase of the two-aircraft programme. In addition, there is the longer-term prospect of converting a further two aircraft.

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Hans Stahl (left), CEO of Aerodata and Steve Fitz-Gerald, CEO of Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group, sign a contract under which Marshall will provide Special Mission role conversion engineering services in relation to Aerodata's ATR-72 modification programme.

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The company's primary customers are major platform OEMs - such as Boeing, Airbus, BAE Systems, Bombardier, Lockheed Martin and Embraer – commercial airlines (supported through cabin upgrades, including IFE upgrades, and refinishing programmes) and major MRO organisations.

The company has more than 80 years' experience in aviation and a full-spectrum engineering capability that includes project/product conception, design, manufacture, test, certification, integration/embodiment, in-service support and legacy platform/system sustainment. These capabilities have been exported to more than 30 countries and the company is working with 10 of the world's air forces in relation to the C-130 platform.

Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group is headquartered in Cambridge, where it employs more than 2,000 highly trained personnel on its 800 acre site, which includes 1.2 million ft² of hangar space plus the company-owned Cambridge Airport. The company also has two other sites in the UK (Broughton in Flintshire, Wales and Kirkbymoorside in Yorkshire) and offices in Australia, Canada and The Netherlands.

Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group is part of the Marshall Group, which employs more than 4,500 worldwide and which has a turnover of £1.3 billion.

About Aerodata AG

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Aerodata is the the leading provider of state-of-the-art Flight Inspection Systems. Typically, these systems are integrated into the aircraft by Aerodata and certified through supplemental type certificates. During the past years, Aerodata has provided a growing number of flight inspection aircraft as turn-key-solutions.

Together with its subsidiary OPTIMARE the company is also well known as provider of high-end solutions for Special Mission Aircraft in operation for airborne maritime surveillance, environmental monitoring, reconnaissance and border/coastal control, fishery patrol and Search & Rescue. Most recent example of the cumulative expertise of both companies is the revolutionary all-in-one airborne surveillance pod, the OctoPod, launched during last Paris Air Show.

Aerodata's maintenance facility complements the business activities through aircraft maintenance and modification.

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