

MHD-Rockland and ESG Aerosystems Keep P-3 Legacy Alive

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MHD-Rockland Inc. and ESG Aerosystems, announced that ESG Aerosystems has been awarded a U.S Navy contract valued at US \$64.5 million, and MHD-Rockland will act as the sole-source aircraft subcontractor. As per the scope of this contract ESG Aerosystems is mandated to develop a curriculum and facilitate training for P-3 aircrew positions including co-pilots, patrol plane commanders, instructor pilots, flight engineers, instructor flight engineers, and flight currency training.



This is to support Naval Education and Training Security Assistance Field Activity's (NETSAFA) applicable field units and other program offices and stakeholders. The achievement is 100 per cent funded by Federal Republic of Germany funds under the Foreign Military Sales Program to secure the operational readiness of the German Navy P-3C Aircrew.

The training is set to start in December 2020 and takes place at the ESG Aerosystems training facility within the MHD-Rockland Flight Ops facilities located at Keystone Heights Airport Fla.

Home to five MHD-Rockland P-3 aircraft, the facility is well-equipped to host students and provide hands-on mission ready training. The duration of the training program varies with the type of aircrew position and will include both simulator and live flight training.

“We are extremely excited to partner with ESG Aerosystems to deliver comprehensive training solutions for the enduring P-3 Orion platform” said Josh Miller, president, MHD-Rockland. “With over 40 years of experience in legacy aircraft sustainment, our team is ready to add value and offer this unique and essential service to global P-3 fleet operators who require it” he added. “We are delighted to partner with MHD-Rockland,” stated Matthias Weerts, President, ESG Aerosystems, and continued, “We are looking forward to starting the training for the German Navy and then to serving the global P-3 community by delivering efficient, effective, and tailored training to sustain this incredible platform and community.”

The new P-3 aircrew training program spearheaded by ESG Aerosystems and MHD-Rockland fills in the gap left by the closure of VP-30. The global P-3 Orion network is extremely resilient and will continue flying their P-3 Orion fleet-many of them well into the 2030's. We are ready to support the P-3 Orion customers including Foreign Military partners and U.S. Government agencies, by providing an extensive program which perfectly matches each operator's needs and requirements.