

BAE SYSTEMS AWARDED \$55.4 MILLION U.S. MARINE CORPS DELIVERY ORDER FOR 90 MINE RESISTANT AMBUSH PROTECTED VEHICLES

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YORK, Pennsylvania – BAE Systems has received a \$55.4 million delivery order for 90 advanced tactical wheeled vehicles that will offer enhanced protection to U.S. Marines and Soldiers under the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle program.

The 90 vehicles - 75 6x6 vehicles and 15 4x4 vehicles from the company's RG33 family of vehicles have been ordered under an Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract originally awarded Jan. 26, when two 4x4 and two 6x6 vehicles were contracted for MRAP program testing. The Government may place additional delivery orders for production of up to 4,100 MRAP vehicles.

"BAE Systems has successfully completed its own blast testing of the RG33 vehicle design, and the results met or exceeded the MRAP survivability requirements in all cases," said John Swift, MRAP Program Manager for BAE Systems at its Triangle, Virginia office.

"With 90 percent commonality between our 4x4 and 6x6 vehicles in the family, and our proven leadership in developing and fielding high performance mine-hardened and mine-protected vehicles, BAE Systems' RG33 family provides a highly survivable vehicle that Marines and Soldiers urgently need today," Swift added. "All along, our team has viewed survivability as job one."

Under this current IDIQ delivery order, BAE Systems will begin delivering vehicles in March and will deliver all vehicles over the next 120 days.

BAE Systems' RG 33 family leverages the best expertise from four decades of designing mine protected and mine hardened vehicles in South Africa, and the company's long history of providing high survivability combat vehicles in the U.S.

The RG33 family of vehicles incorporates the latest designs in protecting against Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) small arms, heavy machine gun fire and mines. The RG33 incorporates a monocoque V-shaped hull design leveraging knowledge gained in recent and ongoing conflicts, and offers significant interior volume for crew and mission equipment.

The RG33 vehicle family is designed to address demanding requirements based on today's threats by delivering enhanced blast protection to the crew inside. The RG33 is available with base protection against medium machine gun or small arms fire and mine blast protection at a level equal to or exceeding any fielded mine protected vehicle. RG33 vehicles may be equipped with tailorable armor packages, as well. Advanced crew and passenger survivability is obtained through blast-resistant seating technology, transparent armor and unique reconfigurable interior stations. The platforms are designed with a power train equipped to handle upgrades and enhancements.

BAE Systems will deliver the mine protected RG33 vehicle in 4x4 and 6x6 versions to meet the urgent requirements of the Nation's armed forces. The company has multiple tactical wheeled vehicles in production now and skilled employees with mine hardened vehicle production expertise in low-cost, low-risk U.S. production facilities, leveraging BAE Systems' proven capability in rapidly producing and fielding highly survivable vehicles for armies around the world.

BAE Systems used the latest design, modeling and simulation tools at its facilities in Santa Clara, California and in Benoni, South Africa to rapidly prototype and produce the first vehicle in the series, the 6x6 RG33L, unveiled last fall at the Association of the U.S. Army's Annual Meeting & Exhibition in Washington, D.C.

The vehicle family is mission configurable for Infantry Carrier, Ambulance, Command and Control, Convoy Escort, Explosive Ordnance Disposal and other roles and is recoverable by another RG33. The vehicle features on-board exportable power for C4I and other mission equipment.

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