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Marine Corps Places Orders for 1,214 Additional MRAP Vehicles

Multiple Contract Awards Expand Capacity to Produce More Vehicles Faster

QUANTICO, Va. – Impressing upon the urgency to armor the warfighter with more Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles, Marine Corps Systems Command has placed another order for more than 1,000 of these life-saving vehicles. These additional vehicles will help support the increasing requirement for MRAP vehicles in theater with their proven capability to save lives by dramatically improving the current level of mine and improvised explosive device protection with a V-shaped hull and raised chassis.

The Marine Corps awarded International Military and Government LLC (IMG) a \$623,073,400 Firm Fixed Priced delivery order for 1,200 MRAP Category I vehicles under an existing Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract which was awarded simultaneously, in January, to nine vendors dependent on successful test completion of four prototype vehicles. IMG prototype vehicles passed testing, and this initial production delivery order is being placed. Category I is the smaller, lighter Mine Resistant Utility Vehicle (MRUV) for urban combat operations.

In addition, Force Protection International, Inc., was awarded an \$11,991,406 Firm Fixed Priced delivery order for 14 Category III MRAP vehicles, also known as the Buffalo. Category III is the larger, medium-sized Joint Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Rapid Response Vehicle (JERRV) for multi-mission operations such as convoy lead, troop transport, ambulance, explosive ordnance disposal and combat engineering. Force Protection also received an order for 1,000 category I and II vehicles in April.

In a May 2 written statement, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates declared that “the MRAP program should be considered the highest priority Department of Defense acquisition program and any and all options to accelerate the production and fielding of this capability to the theater should be identified, assessed and applied where feasible.”

The Marine Corps serves as the lead agency for procurement of the current requirement of MRAP vehicles. The requirement for these vehicles has grown rapidly. Based on theater operational needs, the Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC) evaluated and approved Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Special Operations Command (SOCOM) requirements that exceed 7,700 vehicles, with a potential total procurement cost of \$8.4 billion.

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