L3 Awarded Australian SEA 1180 Offshore Patrol Vessel Contract

Advancing Maritime Capabilities

L3 has been awarded a contract for the Royal Australian Navy’s (RAN) SEA 1180 Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPV). The prime contractor, Luerssen Australia Pty Ltd., has selected L3 Communications Australia Pty Ltd. to provide the integrated communications, bridge, navigation and platform management systems for all 12 OPV platforms.

“L3’s work on the OPV design and construction phase will enable us to continue to increase our footprint in the Australian defense market,” said Christopher E. Kubasik, L3’s Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President. “This strategy enables the Australian government’s Naval Shipbuilding Strategy to further benefit from L3 Communications Australia’s advanced maritime integration and manufacturing capabilities.”

Mr. Kubasik added that the OPV program allows L3 to bundle a range of maritime solutions that are expected to deliver measurable growth and sustained support for local Australian industry.

Work on this program will be performed by L3 Communications Australia and supported by cross-segment collaboration from L3’s Communication Systems, Sensor Systems and Electronic Systems business segments. Following successful program execution on contracts for the Canberra Class Amphibious Assault Ship Landing Helicopter Dock (LHD) and Collins Class Submarine, this important contract award reinforces L3 Communications Australia’s leadership in providing world-class communications and electronic systems for the RAN.

“The OPV’s design, coupled with L3’s innovative systems solutions, will offer enhanced operational performance to the Royal Australian Navy,” said Alan Titheridge, Managing Director of L3 Technologies Australia Group. “The ongoing industrial collaboration on the SEA 1180 program helps the RAN to significantly boost its patrol and deterrence capabilities alongside allied forces throughout the Asia-Pacific region.”

SEA 1180 Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPV)
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As part of L3 Technologies’ continued investment in Australia’s Defence industry, the company recently expanded its Defence Design and Engineering Centre in the heart of Melbourne.

The expanded facility improves on L3’s existing naval communications and platform system integration capabilities in Australia for programs such as the Collins Class Submarines, Canberra Class Amphibious Assault Ships and the recently awarded contract for the Australian Offshore Patrol Vessel.

Local industry and government officials recently gathered together to celebrate L3’s growing presence in the country.

“For over a decade we’ve been providing the Royal Australian Navy and Royal New Zealand Navy innovative and new integrated capabilities. This expanded facility will take us into the future by housing the engineering talent, innovation and capabilities necessary to deliver to the future systems of the Australian Defence Force,” said Paul Lafond, Managing Director, L3 Australia.

“The Honorable Christopher Pyne MP, Minister for Defence Industry and L3 Australia’s Robert Slaven

“In 2016, we expanded our facilities, moving from Hawthorn just next door. In just 18 months, we’ve outgrown that facility, and now we’re occupying a facility that’s 250% larger. In the coming years, we have plans to expand both our South Australian and Western Australian capabilities as we ramp up to support the production and the life-cycle maintenance of Australia’s 5th generation Navy.”

L3’s enduring relationship with the Australian Department of Defence was recognized by the Minister for Defence Industry, the Hon Christopher Pyne, who was the special guest for the facility expansion ceremony.

“We are making a huge investment in our military capability in Australia; $200 billion over the next 10 years, our largest in our peacetime history. But we want to do as much of that here in Australia as possible. We want to have our own sovereign capabilities and be a better ally to the United States and our friends around the world. So, building that capability is central to the ambition of the Australian government,” said Pyne.

“Companies like L3 have capability that we need. We are delighted to see them expand here in Australia, winning contracts locally, winning export contracts into the future, and we want to help them do that by giving them stability, and consistency of approach to government policy. It’s important to L3, and it’s important to us. Over time, of course, we’ll be able to export that capability to our friends and allies around the world right here from Australia.”

Check out the opening video of L3’s Defence Design and Engineering Centre.
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We’ll Be at These Upcoming Trade Shows:

FARNBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW
July 16-22, 2018, The Farnborough International Exhibition & Conference Centre, Farnborough, England. Discover a range of new business incentives, attractions and networking opportunities at FIA2018. With key global influencers, thought leadership and knowledge transfer, FIA offers the very best value and experience. L3’s Pavilion is located next to its chalet at A15. For more information, visit FIA2018.

TECHNET AUGUSTA
August 20-23, 2018, Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center, Augusta, GA. TechNet Augusta provides participants the opportunity to examine and explore the intricacies of the cyber domain. With assistance from the U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence and industry experts, the conference is designed to open the lines of communication and facilitate networking, education and problem-solving. L3 will be located in Booth 100. For more information, visit TechNet Augusta.

AFA— AIR, SPACE & CYBER CONFERENCE
September 17-19, 2018, Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, National Harbor, MD. The 2018 Air Force Association’s Air, Space & Cyber Conference theme is “Multi-Domain Operations: Leveraging the Full Spectrum.” It is the nation’s premier event for defense and aerospace professionals from across the globe. L3 will be located in Booth 822. For more information, visit AFA.

MODERN DAY MARINE
September 25-27, 2018, Marine Corps Base, Quantico, VA. Modern Day Marine is the premier military equipment, systems, services and technology exposition. L3 will be located in Booth 1203. For more information, visit Modern Day Marine.

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