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C-17 Globemaster III Sustainment Partnership (GSP)

Description & Purpose:

The C-17 Globemaster III Sustainment Partnership (GSP) is a public/private agreement designed around the concept of performance-based logistics where the customer pays for readiness, not specific parts or services. Under the agreement, Boeing is responsible for all C-17 sustainment activities, including material management and depot maintenance support. The partnership capitalizes on Boeing's expertise and that of the Air Force depots to ensure a readiness level that meets the warfighter's needs.

Customer:

The U.S. Air Force has partnered with Boeing on sustainment for the C-17 since 2001. The GSP agreement is a five-year contract signed in 2004.

General Characteristics:

The GSP program has become a model for the future of sustainment. Boeing is held accountable to achieve sustainment performance metrics and is paid accordingly. Boeing has supply support management for more than 95 percent of the reparable parts on the C-17. The company continually exceeds contract requirements by achieving a 92 percent delivery rate for these assigned reparable items. Boeing is responsible for supply support, supplier management, technical manual support, maintenance, modifications and upgrades, logistics engineering services and field support services. Boeing personnel come into contact with the aircraft every day in the field, working alongside Air Force personnel to keep the C-17 fleet flying.

Background:

Last year the C-17 fleet flew more than 45,000 sorties. The Air Mobility Command flew more than 38,500 of those missions, maintaining a 91 percent worldwide logistics departure reliability rate and an 81 percent aircraft availability rate. The operational cost

avoidance was \$8.5 million in FY2004 and \$12.4 million in FY2005. The program achieved mission capability rate of 83.2 percent in FY2005.

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