



New Coast Guard HC-130J Takes To Air For First Time

Aircrews conduct the first of a series of test flights on the Coast Guard's ninth HC-130J aircraft at Lockheed Martin's Marietta, Georgia, facility in May 2015. The aircraft – which is scheduled for delivery in July – will be used in its base configuration until September 2016, when it will start the 10-month process of being outfitted with specialized equipment for Coast Guard missions. The Coast Guard is accepting proposals for missionization of its HC-130J aircraft using the Navy's Minotaur mission control processor through July 2, 2015. Further information on this solicitation can be found on FedBizOpps.gov. Photo courtesy of Lockheed Martin, by Andrew McMurtrie.