

Acquisition Update: Coast Guard Continues C-27J Activation Process With Paint Contract

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The Coast Guard reached an agreement with the U.S. Army Aug. 17 to use an existing contract to paint the first four of its C-27J medium range surveillance aircraft.

The agreement, which includes transfer of funds from the Coast Guard to the Army, adds painting of four Coast Guard aircraft to a contract with Leading Edge Aviation Services in Fort Worth, Texas, at a cost of just over \$809,000. Contract options were also added to cover the remaining 10 aircraft in the Coast Guard's C-27J fleet.

The Army is responsible for quality control and safety and security requirements during the work, allowing the Coast Guard HC-27J

Asset Project Office to remain focused on regenerating aircraft, training aircrews and standing up the first C-27J air station.

The work will match the current Coast Guard paint scheme and correct any minor aircraft body degradation present. Work will begin as soon as safety and security requirements are validated with Leading Edge Aviation Services' paint facility. It takes approximately 23 days to paint each aircraft.



C-27J medium range surveillance aircraft stationed at the HC-27J Asset Project Office in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, will soon be painted in Coast Guard colors. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Christopher Slater.