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AeroVironment Wins U.S. Army Contract Valued at Up to \$55 Million for Radio Frequency Modifications to Raven® B Unmanned Aircraft Systems

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- · Hand-launched AeroVironment Raven is the most widely used military unmanned aircraft system in the world

SIMI VALLEY, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 13, 2019-- <u>AeroVironment, Inc.</u> (NASDAQ:AVAV), a global leader in unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) for both defense and commercial applications, announced the U.S. Army awarded the company a firm-fixed-price contract on June 6, 2019 to begin radio frequency modifications on its currently deployed <u>Raven® UAS</u>. The initial base delivery order is \$862,488, with potential contract options valued up to \$55 million.

"AeroVironment engineered and manufactures the Raven system, so we are best equipped to support quick and efficient field upgrades to ensure maximum Raven system uptime and force protection for operators around the world," said Rick Pedigo, vice president, sales and business development for AeroVironment. "AeroVironment and the Army are committed to supplying soldiers closest to the fight with the most advanced aerial robotic technology to gain critical situational awareness anywhere and at any time to help them proceed with certainty."

AeroVironment won the competitive bid as part of the Army's \$248.5 million five-year Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity small UAS sustainment contract announced in April 2018. AeroVironment and six other awardees were selected as part of the IDIQ contract, which covers six domains: Systems, Tactical Open Government Owned Architecture (TOGA), Other Major Components, RQ-20A Puma Spares, RQ-11B Raven Spares and Flight Control Systems (FCS). The Army selected AeroVironment as the sole-source supplier for RQ-20A and RQ-11B spares and for FCS.

AeroVironment's Raven system is designed for rapid deployment and high mobility for applications requiring low-altitude intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. With a wingspan of 4.5 feet and weighing 4.2 pounds, the hand-launched Raven provides aerial observation, day or night, at line-of-sight ranges up to approximately 6.2 miles (10 kilometers). With its stabilized gimbaled payload, the Raven delivers real-time color or infrared imagery to ground control and remote viewing stations.

About AeroVironment Small UAS

The <u>RQ-20A/B Pumat</u>, <u>RQ-11B Raven</u>, <u>RQ-12A Wasp</u>, together with <u>VAPOR Helicopter UAS</u> comprise AeroVironment's family of tactical unmanned aircraft systems. This Family of Systems provides increased capability to the warfighter that gives ground commanders the option of selecting the appropriate aircraft based on the type of mission to be performed. This increased capability has the potential to provide significant force protection and force multiplication benefits to small tactical units and security personnel. AeroVironment provides logistics services worldwide to ensure a consistently high level of operational readiness. AeroVironment has delivered thousands of new and replacement tactical unmanned air vehicles to customers within the United States and to more than 45 allied governments.

About AeroVironment, Inc.

AeroVironment (NASDAQ: AVAV) provides customers with more actionable intelligence so they can proceed with certainty. Based in California, AeroVironment is a global leader in unmanned aircraft systems and tactical missile systems, and serves defense, government, and commercial customers. For more information visit <u>www.avinc.com</u>.

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