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AV's Switchblade 300 Selected for U.S. Marine Corps' Organic Precision Fires-Light Program

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The Switchblade 300 Block 20 system is battle-proven and production-ready to support Marine Infantry

ARLINGTON, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Apr. 18, 2024-- AeroVironment (AV) was selected by the U.S. Marine Corps for the first phase of the Organic Precision Fires-Light (OPF-L) program of record. AV's Switchblade 300 Block 20 loitering munition system (LMS) will provide the Marine Corps with organic, anti-armor/anti-personnel, precision fires capability at the tactical level. AV was awarded an initial order of \$8.9M on a contract with a maximum potential value of \$249M.

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AV's Switchblade 300 Block 20 loitering munition will provide the Marine Corps with organic, precision-strike capability at the tactical level. (Photo: AeroVironment)

AV's Switchblade 300 Block 20 supports the OPF-L program's request for an individually operated, man-portable loitering munition with a lightweight, precision-guided capability against beyond-line-of-sight adversaries. Switchblade 300 will ensure that Marines are properly equipped and sustained with a lethal, reliable, organic capability for rapid target

engagement while minimizing collateral damage and exposure to threat weapon systems.

"AV offers a battle-proven and production-ready system to support OPF-L to meet the Marine Corps' requirements," said AV's Senior Vice President of LMS, Brett Hush. "Our mature and trusted manufacturing capability combined with world-class training and support will ensure Marine Infantry is adequately prepared for the fight."

AV's Switchblade 300 has been deployed in support of urgent operational needs to combat theaters since 2012. Switchblade 300 Block 20 is the next generation of the system that capitalizes on over a decade of user assessments, combat deployments, and lessons learned from the conflict in Ukraine, including operating in contested environments.

The Switchblade Block 20 system significantly expands on the currently fielded Switchblade 300 capabilities, including armor penetrating capability through an Explosively Formed Penetrator (EFP) warhead, increased target attack angle, and significantly greater battery life, flight endurance, and radio link range.

"With over 6,000 Switchblade loitering missiles tested, produced, and fielded, AV is in a unique position to offer revolutionary organic precision fire capabilities to the USMC, leveraging the proven reliability, producibility and supportability of current Switchblade programs," continued Hush.

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