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U.S. Army Selects Symetrics to Design and Build Next Generation Airborne Data Modem

Melbourne, Florida, October 6, 2009 – Symetrics Industries announced today an award from the U.S. Army Aviation Missile Command (AMCOM) to design the next generation of the Improved Data Modems (IDM-304B) for installation on multiple Army aircraft. The contract also allows the Army to order 1,500 of these new modems over the next six to seven years. The total estimated value of the contract is expected to exceed \$50M.

Symetrics President and CEO, Mitch Garner stated, *“This contract award is significant for so many reasons. First, it demonstrates the Army’s confidence in our ability to execute a long-term, high volume production effort. Secondly, it shows that the Army believes in Symetrics’ ability to manage a major engineering effort of hardware, software, and systems engineering. Finally, a contract of this size, complexity and purpose is a major victory for Symetrics as it is in line with one of our core business areas and provides a springboard for new growth and opportunity”*.

The 304B program will require the addition of staff Garner said, which would be mainly engineering and program support. In addition, the company will likely have to create additional workspace, and is considering an expansion of its NASA Boulevard campus. Garner elaborated, *“We believe that this program will transform our company, both from a tangible sense with the addition of more people and space, but also in an intangible manner in the way we are viewed as a small business who can provide excellence in both engineering and production of military airborne hardware”*.

At the same time, Symetrics announced a follow-on order from the same agency for an additional 186 of the IDM-304 version to be installed on four Army aircraft; the Kiowa, Apache, Chinook and Blackhawk. This order is to ensure that deliveries continue uninterrupted to those platforms while Symetrics performs on the new redesign effort. That contract add-on was worth over \$6M, and increases the total amount of IDM-304s Symetrics will deliver to the Army at over 700 units.

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