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Ottawa, Ontario Canada, 29 June 2005 - Thales announced today that it has been awarded a contract by the Department of National Defence (DND) to define key concepts for the Canadian Advanced Synthetic Environment (CASE) initiative.

CASE is a pan-defence initiative to rapidly create distributed simulations for a spectrum of defence applications, from concept development and experimentation, to weapon system management, mission rehearsal, and operator and maintainer training. This activity will define processes and technical architectures, based upon an open modular construct, to link virtual simulators with legacy and new models, databases and tools. Canadian Modelling and Simulation assets are now dispersed over a number of different agencies, including tactical units, research laboratories, universities, training institutions and weapon-system managers, dispersed over distances of several thousand kilometres. The architecture defined by Thales will allow rapid federation development and execution of multiple simulations and will confirm the concept of applying open standards and Commercial-Off-The-Shelf (COTS) technologies.

The CASE definition contract will define a capability critical to DND for the achievement of its goals of reducing acquisition timelines, and developing net-enabled capabilities.

For this project, Thales is leading a team comprised of several companies, including L3-Electronic Systems, ACRON Capability Engineering, the HFE Group, and 3Plains.

About Thales

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