

THALES SUCCESSFUL IN THE SECOND PHASE OF THE DND CASE PROJECT

Thales Canada is pleased to announce that it has successfully passed the second of three milestones to define a simulation implementation concept for the Canadian Advanced Synthetic Environment (CASE) with the Canadian Department of National Defence (DND).

CASE is a pan-defence initiative, sponsored by the Canadian Air Force, to permit the rapid creation of distributed simulations for DND concept development and experimentation, acquisition, training, and mission rehearsals. Thales will define processes and a technical architecture, based upon a modular construct, to link a number of virtual simulators with a variety of system models, databases and tools.

Under the CASE architecture concept, assets from tactical units, research laboratories, universities, training institutions and weapon-system managers, dispersed over distances of several hundred kilometres, link up in a shared virtual environment. The architecture developed by Thales allows remote set-up and execution of disparate simulations and demonstrates the application to distributed simulation of open standards and COTS (commercial off-the-shelf) technologies. The remote set-up significantly reduces the requirement for technical support personnel at remote sites, and set-up time, while improving the agility of distributed simulations.

The final proof of concept demonstration, planned for late April 2006, will integrate models and simulators across Canada into a current DND military operational scenario, with set-up and execution control from Thales in Ottawa.

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