

THALES SELECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE OF CANADA FOR THE INCOMMANDS PROJECT

Thales announced today that it has been awarded a \$3 million contract by the Department of National Defence (DND) to define modern naval decision support concepts under the Innovative Naval Combat Management Decision Support (INCOMMANDS) Technology Demonstration Project (TDP), sponsored by Defence Research and Development Canada (DRDC).

The purpose of the INCOMMANDS project is to allow DND to demonstrate advanced Above Water Warfare Decision Support concepts for the Command Team of the HALIFAX Class Frigates and to improve their overall decision making effectiveness.

Thales and DND will be developing a laboratory for research and development in Canada to provide decision support advice to the Navy Command and Control Team. The contract will span over a period of 3 years.

Key technologies which will be incorporated into this project include: Cognitive Systems Engineering; Advanced Human Machine Interface development using the Thales TWIST toolkit; Blackboard and Agent Based Architectures using the Thales SPLICE data distribution service; Information and Knowledge Management; as well as Modeling and Simulation.

The INCOMMANDS TDP contract will allow the Navy to better understand the impact of new Decision Support concepts in preparation for the upcoming modernization of the Frigates.

About Thales

Thales Canada is part of the Thales Group, a leading international electronics and systems group, serving defence, aerospace, security, and services markets. The Group employs 60,000 people throughout the world and generated revenues of 10.3 billion euros in 2005. Thales Canada employs close to 300 people in Canada and generated revenues of \$CDN 170 million in 2005. Its 4 divisions are located in Ottawa (Systems), Halifax (Naval Services) and Montreal (Optronics and Avionics). For more information, visit www.thalesgroup.com

Thales Canada, Systems Division, a "systems integration" company, has provided mission systems for the Navy's Maritime Coastal Patrol Vessels (MCDVs) and is the prime contractor for the CP-140 Aurora Communications Modernization project, and the Griffon Mothership (GMS) project. Thales Canada, Systems Division is also providing in-service support for the Army's Athene Tactical System and for sonar systems aboard the Navy's Victoria Class Submarines.

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