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### **C-27J JCA Schoolhouse Opening Marks Training Transition to Robins Air Force Base**

WACO, Texas – Dec. 9, 2009 – The C-27J JCA Team, led by L-3 Communications, announced today that it will celebrate the opening of a new training center for the C-27J Joint Cargo Aircraft (JCA) Program on Dec. 9, 2009, at Robins Air Force Base, Ga.

The C-27J JCA Team recently transitioned its schoolhouse training operations from an interim site at L-3's Waco, Texas integration center to the location at Warner Robins. Initial pilot and load master training was conducted by Global Mobility Aircraft Systems (GMAS) and L-3 Link Simulation and Training.

The new C-27J JCA schoolhouse facility includes space for classroom instruction, a full-fidelity operational flight trainer and a Fuselage Trainer (FuT). The first C-27J JCA to be used for training arrived on Sept. 9, 2009. The FuT will be ready for training by July 2010, while the flight trainer is scheduled for installation in 2011.

"The commitment of the entire Middle Georgia community to this partnership has been important in its success," said James Burkhardt, president of L-3's Platform Integration division. "The training center becoming operational is an important milestone as we prepare C-27J JCA crews for testing and deployment."

During the first two years of instruction at the C-27J schoolhouse, student throughput is projected to reach 48 students, split equally between pilots and loadmasters. The schoolhouse is expected to reach a peak student throughput of 144 students in the fifth year of the program. Pilot, loadmaster and instructor recurrent training is anticipated to increase the number of students by 100 during the fifth year.

The schoolhouse was built under a government-private partnership established among L-3, the State of Georgia Department of Defense, and the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. The C-27J JCA training center's \$1.8 million construction was supported by \$300,000 from the state of Georgia; \$125,000 from

both the City of Warner Robins and the Houston County Development Authority; and \$50,000 from the Macon-Bibb Development Authority.

The C-27J JCA industry team is led by L-3 and includes aircraft manufacturer Alenia Aeronautica and GMAS.

**About L-3 Communications**

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Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications employs over 66,000 people worldwide and is a prime contractor in aircraft modernization and maintenance, C<sup>3</sup>ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) systems and government services. L-3 is also a leading provider of high technology products, subsystems and systems. The company reported 2008 sales of \$14.9 billion.

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**About Alenia North America**

Alenia North America is a subsidiary of Alenia Aeronautica and part of the Finmeccanica Group. Its mission is to further expand the industrial and commercial presence of the Alenia Group in North America. Other Alenia products include the C-27/G.222 tactical transport aircraft as well as the M-346 Master advanced jet trainer.

Alenia North America Inc. is headquartered in Washington, D.C. with offices in Seattle, Washington; Long Beach, California; Fort Worth, Texas; and Smyrna, Georgia. Alenia North America - Canada, a subsidiary wholly owned by Alenia North America, has offices in Ottawa, Canada.

Alenia North America is a shareholder in several joint venture companies located in the United States. Global Aeronautica, a joint venture with The Boeing Company, located in North Charleston, South Carolina, performs significant integration and sub-assembly work for the Boeing 787 program. Global Military Aircraft Systems (GMAS) is a joint venture with L-3 Communications Integrated Systems.

**About GMAS**

Global Military Aircraft Systems (GMAS), a joint venture with L-3 Communications Integrated Systems, is a center of excellence to support the C-27J in North America. GMAS is headquartered in Madison, Mississippi. GMAS is responsible for system engineering integration, avionics upgrades, training and logistics support for the C-27J Joint Cargo Aircraft.

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