

Boeing selects AW139-based MH-139 for 84-aircraft US Air Force tender

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- **As the prime contractor, Boeing will compete for the supply of up to 84 helicopters to perform critical security and transport missions offering the MH-139, based on the Leonardo AW139 produced in Philadelphia**
- **The competitiveness of Leonardo’s products are confirmed by a Boeing estimate of more than \$1 billion in savings in acquisition and lifecycle expenses over 30 years with the MH-139**

Rome, 2 March 2017 – Leonardo announced today, through a Boeing-led collaboration, the intention to competitively offer an aircraft for the U.S. Air Force UH-1N ‘Huey’ Replacement Program. With Boeing as the prime contractor, the AW139-based MH-139 was unveiled in Orlando today at the Air Force Association Air Warfare Symposium.

Based on the bestselling AW139, already produced in Philadelphia, the MH-139 is a modern, multi-mission, non-developmental, low risk, high performance helicopter sized to meet the 84-aircraft requirement to replace the aging U.S. Air Force ‘Huey’ devoted to critical security and transport missions. The MH-139 offers more than \$1 billion in savings in acquisition and lifecycle expenses over 30 years when compared with competitor aircraft.

Mauro Moretti, Leonardo CEO and General Manager, said “The outstanding superior technology and operational capabilities of our products, including the AW139, once again allow us to compete for significant market opportunities, such as the U.S. military modernization competitions. We have a long-established presence in U.S. - commercially, industrially, and with local support and collaborations in various sectors. The MH-139 features all the best characteristics to meet the demanding expectations of the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. taxpayer.”

Note to editors on the AW139 helicopter

The AW139 sets new standards through advanced technology and high performance, reliability, safety, flexibility and cabin space. The AW139 is the ideal solution to operate in harsh environments and weather conditions. Its modern avionics reduces crews’ workload allowing the pilot to focus on the mission. Over 250 customers from around 70 nations have already ordered nearly 1,000 AW139s, confirming itself as the bestselling aircraft in its category. The AW139 is able to perform a wide range of roles including government, EMS, SAR, patrol, homeland security and transport duties. Almost 900 AW139s have been delivered worldwide to date, many of those to government and military customers. Many of the AW139s today in service in the U.S. perform law enforcement and public service missions in Maryland, New Jersey and California.