

NAIC Spectral Exploitation Cell Build 2 Awarded to Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp.

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The National Air Intelligence Center (NAIC) awarded Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. Build 2 of its Spectral Exploitation Cell (NSEC). The NSEC system will aid NAIC's ability to provide in-depth Measurement and Signature Intelligence (MASINT) by processing raw multi-spectral and hyperspectral data.

As prime contractor, Ball Aerospace will perform the systems engineering and system integration, and will lead the development of the operational exploitation system software for the NSEC project.

"Ball Aerospace has provided NAIC's MASINT division with tools and analysis support for nearly 20 years while their spectral capability has evolved," says Mike Cerneck, vice president and general manager, Defense Operations at Ball Aerospace. "NSEC represents a significant growth milestone in our work with NAIC because this is the first time our company will develop and deliver a complete, integrated hardware and software system to NAIC to support one of their MASINT programs."

"NAIC has a rich history of developing exploitation techniques and algorithms. Ball Aerospace is teaming with NAIC to transition this expertise out of the laboratory into an operational environment," says Cerneck. "Ball Aerospace brought NSEC Build 1 to initial operations capability on schedule and under budget. With Build 2, Ball will help lead NSEC to full operational capability."

MASINT is scientific and technical intelligence information obtained by quantitative and qualitative analysis of data for the purpose of identifying distinctive features associated with a source, emitter, or sender, and to facilitate subsequent identification and/or measurement of that information.

MASINT provides the capability to locate and track targets, and identify target signatures or attributes such as material, radar cross section, or infrared intensity. NSEC may also be used to assess the capabilities and limitations of new spectral data sensors and exploitation techniques.

Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. provides imaging and communications products for commercial and government customers worldwide and is a subsidiary of Ball Corporation, a Fortune 500 company, which had sales of \$3.7 billion in 2001.

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