

Ball Aerospace Wins National Assessment Group Contract

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Oct. 18, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp. has won its fifth consecutive task order contract for Engineering and Technical Support from the National Assessment Group (NAG).

Ball's Systems Engineering Solutions business unit, located in Albuquerque, was awarded an indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity individual one-year contract beginning on September 14, 2012, with four, one-year option periods for a contract value totaling as much as \$50M.

The NAG is chartered to provide rapid, worldwide, comprehensive assessment support to the Department of Defense (DoD) and other national level agencies as directed by the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics with special emphasis on the warfighter's requirements. Ball Aerospace will provide the NAG support in the areas of planning, execution and reporting of NAG assessments, institutional support and incidental tasks as described with specificity in individual task orders.

"We look forward to providing the continuity that has made this partnership so successful," said Dan Gibson, vice president and general manager for SES. "Under this contract, Ball Aerospace will continue to support the NAG's mandate to provide responsive evaluations to (DoD) programs."

The NAG's fifth consecutive contract awarded to Ball Aerospace continues the long-term relationship established with the NAG's inception in 1997. The Defense Information Systems Agency is the contracting organization responsible for the solicitation/award.

In addition to supporting the NAG, Ball Aerospace also supports the Air Force Research Laboratory's Directed Energy and Space Vehicle Directorates, and Air Force evaluation activities.

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