

CPI International Receives Award of Up to \$11 Million for Electronic Countermeasures System

PALO ALTO, Calif., Sept. 20 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Communications & Power Industries, Inc., a leading provider of microwave, radio frequency, power and control solutions for critical defense, communications, medical, scientific and other applications, has received an \$11.4 million indefinite- delivery/indefinite-quantity contract award from the U.S. Navy for major repair and replacement of high-band traveling wave tubes in support of the ALQ-126B airborne defensive electronic countermeasures system. Communications & Power Industries (CPI) is a subsidiary of CPI International, Inc. (Nasdaq: CPII).

Awarded by the Crane Division of the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Crane, Ind., the contract calls for a maximum of 600 high-band traveling wave tubes and is expected to be completed by August 2011. Under the contract, CPI will provide traveling wave tubes to the U.S. Navy and the governments of South Korea and Japan to support the ALQ-126B. CPI expects to make the first shipments in conjunction with this contract award in fiscal 2007. Work on the electronic countermeasures system will be performed at CPI's facilities in Palo Alto, Calif.

"The ALQ-126B electronic countermeasures system plays a vital role in securing the safety of our military pilots, and CPI is honored to support such an important defensive system," said Bob Fickett, president and chief operating officer of CPI.

The ALQ-126B is a deceptive electronic countermeasures system designed to counter pulse-radar threats. Capable of operating with a number of radar warning receivers, it can be reprogrammed to counter changing threat priorities. In addition to several foreign military aircraft, the ALQ-126B is operational on a number of U.S. Navy aircraft, including F/A-18 and EA-6B aircraft.

About CPI International, Inc.

CPI International, Inc., headquartered in Palo Alto, California, is the parent company of Communications & Power Industries, Inc., a leading provider of microwave, radio frequency, power and control solutions for critical defense, communications, medical, scientific and other applications. Communications & Power Industries, Inc. develops, manufactures and distributes products used to generate, amplify and transmit high-power/high-frequency microwave and radio frequency signals and/or provide power and control for various applications. End-use applications of these systems include the transmission of radar signals for navigation and location; transmission of deception signals for electronic countermeasures; transmission and amplification of voice, data and video signals for broadcasting, Internet and other types of communications; providing power and control for medical diagnostic imaging; and generating microwave energy for radiation therapy in the treatment of cancer and for various industrial and scientific applications.

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