



## Communications & Power Industries Awarded \$3.1 Million Contract to Support Airborne Beacons

PALO ALTO, Calif., March 18, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Communications & Power Industries, Inc. (CPI) has been awarded approximately \$3.1 million by Sierra Nevada Corporation to supply integrated microwave assemblies and transmitters for use in the U.S. Navy's AN/APN-245 Automatic Carrier Landing System (ACLS) Beacon. CPI, a subsidiary of CPI International, Inc. (Nasdaq: CPII), is a leading provider of microwave, radio frequency, power and control solutions for critical defense, communications, medical, scientific and other applications.

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The AN/APN-245 ACLS Beacon is the airborne component of the SPN-46 Automatic Carrier Landing System, and is used onboard F/A-18 E/F and EA-18G Growler aircraft. The radar beacon is necessary for automatic landings aboard a carrier, and the radar products supplied by CPI are vital components of this landing system. Shipments for this award are scheduled to be completed in May 2010, but the AN/APN-245 ACLS Beacon is expected to be a multi-year program. Work on this program will be completed at CPI's Beverly Microwave Division in Beverly, Mass.

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, transmit and receive 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 commercial and military 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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