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**Fort Worth, Texas (March 21, 2019)** – [Bell Helicopter](#), a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company, announced a teaming agreement with Rolls-Royce for the development of an optimized propulsion system and continued risk reduction efforts aimed at the V-280 Valor and V-247 advanced vertical lift platforms. The collaboration will focus on the integration of Rolls-Royce’s proven low-risk and advanced propulsion systems into future Bell aircraft.

*“The goal of this collaboration is to further enhance the performance and affordability of our aircraft. Future Vertical Lift programs bring revolutionary solutions for warfighters; Bell and Rolls-Royce are focused on delivering those capabilities.”*

— said Keith Flail, vice president of Advanced Vertical Lift Systems at Bell

This agreement extends Bell’s support for the U.S. military’s aviation modernization and acquisition priorities. Building industry relationships delivers options to rapidly mature technology and provide capability to the warfighter. The result will be more options to create aircraft with revolutionary capabilities for vertical lift programs.

*“Bell is at the forefront of creating highly capable and sustainable aircraft that vastly outperform legacy platforms, and Rolls-Royce is a world leader in advanced engines and propulsion systems. We are excited to enhance our long-standing relationship with Bell and help deliver on customer requirements through innovative solutions and proven technologies.”*

— said Jason Propes, senior vice-president, Defense Customer Relations at Rolls-Royce.

As part of this teaming agreement, Bell will lead the design, development and production of advanced vertical lift systems, and Rolls-Royce will provide its technical expertise in propulsion systems to provide potential customers with tested, high-performance solutions. This collaboration extends a successful relationship between Bell and Rolls-Royce that has existed for more than 50 years.

To see updates on the V-280 Valor, V-247 Vigilant and learn more about Bell’s innovative capabilities, please visit <https://www.bellflight.com/>, and follow us on [YouTube](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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## **ABOUT ROLLS-ROYCE**

Rolls-Royce employs 6,000 people in 27 states across the U.S., literally coast-to-coast, from southern California to Walpole, Massachusetts. Indianapolis is the largest Rolls-Royce engineering, design and manufacturing site in the U.S. The company produces engines and propulsion systems for multiple U.S. military aircraft at Indianapolis, including the C-130J transport, V-22 Osprey Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle, and the LiftSystem for the F-35B Lightning II. Rolls-Royce engines manufactured in Indianapolis and elsewhere power a wide array of aircraft and ships for all services of the U.S. military -- the Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy, Army, and Coast Guard. In addition, Rolls-Royce supports more than 52,000 jobs across the U.S., adding nearly \$9 billion to the nation's economy each year. Rolls-Royce has invested nearly \$1 billion in Research and Development in the US since 2013, and is nearing completion of a \$600 million investment to modernize its Indianapolis facilities and for new technology development.

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## **ABOUT BELL**

Thinking above and beyond is what we do. For more than 80 years, we've been reimagining the experience of flight – and where it can take us.

We are pioneers. We were the first to break the sound barrier and to certify a commercial helicopter. We were aboard NASA's first lunar mission and brought advanced tiltrotor systems to market. Today, we're defining the future of on-demand mobility.

Headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas – as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Textron Inc., – we have strategic locations around the globe. And with nearly one quarter of our workforce having served, helping our military achieve their missions is a passion of ours.

Above all, our breakthrough innovations deliver exceptional experiences to our customers. Efficiently. Reliably. And always, with safety at the forefront.

## **About Textron Inc.**

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