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Hawker Beechcraft Delivers T-6C Trainers to Royal Moroccan Air Force



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Hawker Beechcraft Corporation (HBC) today announced it has delivered 12 Beechcraft T-6C military trainers to the Royal Moroccan Air Force (RMAF). The RMAF is replacing its existing fleet of T-34 and T-37 jet trainers with the T-6C. The contract for 24 aircraft, which was awarded in September 2009, represents a government-to-government agreement between Morocco and the U.S.

“We are pleased to have delivered the first 12 aircraft to the RMAF, our initial international customer for the T-6C,” said Jim Maslowski, HBC president, U.S. and International Government Business. “The new T-6Cs will greatly improve the level and effectiveness of the RMAF’s training. They replicate systems and capabilities consistent with modern front-line strike fighter aircraft and are more economical to operate than the previous generation of trainers.”

In addition to the aircraft, the contract includes aircraft ferry services, site survey, support and test equipment, publications and technical documentation, facility infrastructure support, personnel training and training equipment, and other related elements of technical and logistics support.

The T-6C features hard-point wings, an integrated glass cockpit and the advanced Esterline CMC Cockpit 4000 avionics suite that greatly expands advanced training opportunities. The systems are integrated with a Hands-On Throttle and Stick, providing the student pilot and instructor with an easy interface to the digital cockpit. The CMC Cockpit 4000 avionics suite is the first in its class to incorporate a fully integrated and FAA-certified dual FMS/GPS navigation suite that meets the strictest required navigation performance standards of current and future national and worldwide airspace equipment requirements. The open architecture design of the Cockpit 4000 provides the flexibility to expand capabilities and continuously meet current and future training needs.

The Beechcraft T-6 offers military organizations worldwide the most proven and most cost-effective training system available today. In addition to accommodating instruction in instrument flight procedures and basic aerial maneuvers, the T-6 delivers an outstanding training capability that is appropriate for the most basic introductory flight training through more challenging and complex advanced missions. To date, the aircraft has been used to train pilots in approximately 20 different countries.

Hawker Beechcraft Corporation is a world-leading manufacturer of business, special mission and trainer aircraft – designing, marketing and supporting aviation products and services for businesses, governments and individuals worldwide. The company's headquarters and major facilities are located in Wichita, Kan., with operations in Salina, Kan.; Little Rock, Ark.; Chester, England, U.K.; and Chihuahua, Mexico. The company leads the industry with a global network of more than 100 factory-owned and authorized service centers. For more information, visit www.hawkerbeechcraft.com.

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