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Irvin Aerospace Awarded \$7.96M Contract for New Army Parachutes

Santa Ana, CA, April 28, 2006 - The U.S. Army Research, Development, and Engineering Command, in Natick, MA has selected Irvin Aerospace to build more than 2,000 newly designed MC-6 parachute systems for the United States Army. The parachute systems will be built in Irvin's Santa Ana, California manufacturing facility under a contract valued at \$7.96 million and is the first part of a wider program forecast of up to 30,000 MC-6 parachute systems. The contract is expected to be completed by April 18, 2011.

The MC-6 parachute system was designed for precision infiltration of Airborne Forces and features the newest technology in steerable troop parachutes. The system contains two parachute canopies; a main and a backup reserve. Army paratroopers using the MC-6 will now have greater maneuverability and softer landings to effectively reach their targets.

The MC-6 system was developed through the Special Operations Forces Tactical Assault Parachute System (SOFTAPS) program and features the Irvin Aerospace designed SF-10A canopy. "We are delighted to receive this contract award" said David Berry President of Irvin Aerospace. "Our SF-10A canopy design is the result of our focused investment in developing the best technology and the dedicated efforts of our most talented people."

The SF-10A has been in use by US Special Forces Operations since 1999, logging over 60,000 successful jumps and has proven itself to be a very effective airborne delivery system.

About Irvin Aerospace

Irvin Aerospace is a world leader in the design, development, and manufacture of best-of-class parachutes for space and vehicle recovery systems, deceleration systems for high-performance aircraft, military, personnel, and cargo parachute systems as well as ordnance flare chutes, airbags, and weapons delivery systems. Irvin's R&D group also designs a wide variety of deceleration systems for custom applications. Irvin Aerospace has more than 85 years of parachute engineering design experience and is located in Santa Ana, California. Irvin Aerospace and its products can be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.irvinaerospace.com>

Irvin Aerospace is part of Airborne Systems which combine's the resources of the world's leading parachute companies. Airborne Systems represents and sells the products and engineering services of Irvin Aerospace, Irvin-GQ, Irvin Aerospace Canada and Para-Flite to the global market.

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