



February 11, 2013

## **Comtech Telecommunications Corp. Awarded \$6.5 Million Buying Agreement from Harris Corporation to Support FAA Network Upgrade**

MELVILLE, N.Y.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- February 11, 2013 -- Comtech Telecommunications Corp. (NASDAQ: CMTL) announced today that its Tempe, Arizona-based subsidiary, Comtech EF Data Corp., was awarded a \$6.5 million buying agreement from Harris Corporation. Under the buying agreement, Harris will purchase Comtech EF Data ground equipment to support the satellite network upgrade of the Federal Aviation Administration's ("FAA") Alaskan Satellite Telecommunications Infrastructure ("ASTI") program. The not to exceed \$6.5 million buying agreement encompasses a range of Comtech EF Data ground equipment, including the CDM-625 Advanced Satellite Modem with DoubleTalk<sup>®</sup> Carrier-in-Carrier<sup>®</sup>, redundancy switches, and RF products for indoor and outdoor environments.

As the prime contractor for the ASTI program, Harris will replace and upgrade the existing satcom network that links the Alaskan Air Route Traffic Control Center in Anchorage with 64 FAA facilities throughout the region. The ASTI program will provide increased network performance and availability while reducing operating and maintenance costs for the FAA's Alaskan National Airspace System Interfacility Communication System. This infrastructure provides Alaska with 90 percent of its inter-facility communications for critical, essential and routine air traffic control services supporting commercial aviation.

This mission-critical network has relied on Comtech EF Data modems for over 15 years. These will be replaced with Comtech EF Data's CDM-625 Advanced Satellite Modem with DoubleTalk<sup>®</sup> Carrier-in-Carrier<sup>®</sup>. The CDM-625 combines the patented VersaFEC<sup>®</sup> low latency forward error correction with DoubleTalk<sup>®</sup> Carrier-in-Carrier<sup>®</sup> bandwidth compression for maximum savings under all conditions. DoubleTalk<sup>®</sup> Carrier-in-Carrier<sup>®</sup>, based on Raytheon Applied Signal Technology's patented "Adaptive Cancellation" technology, allows transmit and receive carriers of a duplex link to share the same transponder space. This combination of advanced technologies will minimize OPEX/CAPEX and maximize network throughput/availability, optimizing valuable transponder resources.

A variety of RF products are covered in the agreement, including indoor and outdoor frequency conversion and amplifier systems. The outdoor RF products include the LPOD Block Up Converters, the SPOD Solid State Power Amplifiers, and the CSAT Transceivers. The rugged and weatherproof outdoor products with field-proven performance and reliability are the ideal choice for harsh Alaskan weather conditions. The indoor products include the UT and DT Frequency Converters, the CPA Solid State Power Amplifiers, and the MBT-5000 Up/Down Converter System.

"We are honored to be Harris's teammate in this vitally important project, and believe our advanced technologies will be critical components in increasing network performance and availability for the FAA," commented Fred Kornberg, President and Chief Executive Officer of Comtech Telecommunications Corp. "Under the terms of the agreement, product deliveries are expected primarily in our fiscal 2014."

### **About Harris**

Harris is an international communications and information technology company serving government and commercial markets in more than 150 countries. Headquartered in Melbourne, Florida, the company has approximately \$6 billion of annual revenue and about 17,000 employees — including nearly 7,000 engineers and scientists. Harris is dedicated to developing best-in-class assured communications<sup>®</sup> products, systems, and services. Additional information about Harris Corporation is available at [www.harris.com](http://www.harris.com).

### **About Comtech EF Data**

Comtech EF Data Corporation is the recognized global leader in satellite bandwidth efficiency and link optimization. The advanced communication solutions encompass the Advanced VSAT Solutions, Modems, RAN & WAN Optimization, Managed Bandwidth and RF products. The Company is recognized as a technology innovator, and has a reputation for exceptional product quality and reliability. The solutions enable commercial and government users to reduce OPEX/CAPEX and to increase throughput for fixed and mobile/transportable satellite-based applications. For more information, visit [www.comtechefdata.com](http://www.comtechefdata.com).

### **About Comtech Telecommunications**

Comtech Telecommunications Corp. designs, develops, produces and markets innovative products, systems and services for advanced communications solutions. The Company believes many of its solutions play a vital role in providing or enhancing communication capabilities when terrestrial communications infrastructure is unavailable, inefficient or too expensive. The Company conducts business through three complementary segments: telecommunications transmission, RF microwave amplifiers and mobile data communications. The Company sells products to a diverse customer base in the global commercial and government communications markets. The Company believes it is a market leader in the market segments that it serves.

Certain information in this press release contains statements that are forward-looking in nature and involve certain significant risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from such forward-looking information. The Company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings identify many such risks and uncertainties. Any forward-looking information in this press release is qualified in its entirety by the risks and uncertainties described in such Securities and Exchange Commission filings.

PCMTL

**Media:**

Michael D. Porcelain, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

631-962-7000

[info@comtechtel.com](mailto:info@comtechtel.com)

Source: Comtech Telecommunications Corp.

News Provided by Acquire Media