

VC10 Javelin

Providing air tanker availability

FACT SHEET

Overview

- The Javelin contract offers an integrated support service for the RAF's fleet of VC10 tankers through to the out of service date (2013).
- Javelin is a successful strategic partnership with Defence Equipment & Support and Defence Support Group (DSG)
- Depth maintenance is performed at St Athan, UK, with the main operating Base being RAF Brize Norton.



Key Facts/Figures

- The support arrangements under Javelin have been introduced in a phased approach, Red, Amber and Green.
- Javelin Red, a £207 million contract (December 2003) transferred spares inclusive major maintenance and support to first and second line.
- Javelin Amber, worth £38 million (July 2005) transferred second line maintenance and other responsibilities from Air Support with performance incentivised on aircraft availability from depth.
- Javelin Amber was extended in March 2007 to support the aircraft to the revised out of service date in a £123 million contract.
- Javelin Green Expansion, worth £43.9m, saw BAE Systems take responsibility for delivering Fit for Purpose aircraft to the front line to meet operational requirements.

Performance

- Javelin Red achieved cost savings of 20 per cent (equating to circa £32m) and reduced maintenance turn round times by 21%
- Javelin Amber increases aircraft availability and Delivers against Strike Command 25% cost reduction target against 2nd line maintenance (equating to c£10m) & reduced maintenance turn round times by 30%
- 2004 winner of the UK MOD Smart Procurement award.

Background

- The Javelin contract supports the aircraft to the out of service date.
- An incentivisation mechanism balances performance with gainshare arrangements flowed down to suppliers.
- Performance in earlier phases provided the confidence to move towards a full aircraft availability contract.

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