

Tornado Future Support

ATTAC – Availability Transformation: Tornado Aircraft Contract

FACT SHEET

Overview

- BAE Systems was awarded a £1.3 billion contract by the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD) in December 2006, providing on and off aircraft depth maintenance and capability insertion to meet future requirements of the Tornado GR4 fleet.
- The contract, known as ATTAC (Availability Transformation: Tornado Aircraft Contract), includes on-aircraft maintenance of the GR4 fleet, spares support, technical support and training.
- The approach builds on availability improvements and cost reductions achieved through earlier pilot programmes.



Key Facts/Figures

- First pilot, signed in 2001 and worth £45 million, extended support of GR4 Avionics items.
- A £76 million 10 year support service for the Secondary Power System (SPS) was signed in 2004.
- The Combined Maintenance and Upgrade (CMU) contract signed in 2005 is worth £130 million.
- In December 2006, BAE Systems was awarded the ATTAC contract, worth £942 million.
- The ATTAC contract helped deliver savings of £1.3bn to the UK taxpayer 2001/02 to 2006/07 (source national audit office report 2007).
- A contract amendment known as ATTAC Phase 2 was signed in December 2007 incorporating additional avionics, general systems and engineering support services into the previous contract bringing the total value of the ATTAC programme to £1.3bn.

Performance

- As a result of ATTAC, the cost of a flying hour has been halved
- During the fiscal year 2008/09 35 aircraft were delivered through the ATTAC programme.
- Combined Maintenance Upgrade (CMU) has reduced workload maintenance hours by 50 per cent.
- The Tornado GR4 Reliability Improvement Programme (TRIP) inserted three capabilities in less than three months.

Background

- The ATTAC contract provides the RAF's front-line with a guarantee that the Tornado aircraft's availability, capability and effectiveness will be maintained initially for the next 10 years and ultimately throughout its service life.

- The Tornado GR4 fleet is currently providing close air support to troops on the ground in Afghanistan.

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