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# **Astronics Wins U.S. Marine Corps Contract to Provide Test Systems to Saudi Arabian Ministry of National Guard**

EAST AURORA, N.Y., April 9, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Astronics Corporation (Nasdaq:ATRO), a leading provider of advanced technologies for the global aerospace, defense, consumer electronics and semiconductor industries, announced today that Astronics' subsidiary, DME Corporation, has been awarded a contract to provide Virtual Instrument Portable Equipment Repair/Test (VIPER/T) systems and Application Program Sets (APSs) to the United States Marine Corps Program Manager-Light Armored Vehicles (PM-LAV) Foreign Military Sales office on behalf of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Ministry of National Guard (MNG). The test systems are required to support the MNG's fleet of various Light Armored Vehicles.

The contract, valued at \$3.6M and issued by Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona, is for First Article and initial production units of the systems and APSs that will be produced and delivered within a 30-month period of performance. Procurement of additional production units is expected at a later date.

The VIPER/T MNG systems will feature Astronics' new T940 Digital Subsystem which is a replacement for obsolete, legacy VIPER/T digital test instrumentation. The Astronics T940 digital solution provides improved system performance, preserves legacy test program sets' investment and offers lower life cycle costs.

Peter J. Gundermann, President and CEO of Astronics commented "As the provider of the original VIPER/T systems, we are ideally suited to support the requirements of the U.S. Marine Corps and the Saudi program for advanced automated test systems and test program sets. Our advanced technology provides the flexibility needed for the increasingly complex requirements of electrical and electro-optic circuitry within weapons systems, radar, navigational systems and communication equipment. We look forward to additional opportunities to advance this effort with the U.S. Marine Corps."

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recognition and best-in-class manufacturing practices. The Company routinely posts news and other important information on its website at [www.astronics.com](http://www.astronics.com).

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