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Redwire Awarded $44 Million DARPA Contract to Advance Very Low-Earth Orbit Mission

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Redwire Corporation (NYSE: RDW), a global leader in space and defense technology solutions, today announced that it has been awarded a $44 million phase 2 contract to advance the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's (DARPA) Otter Very Low Earth Orbit (VLEO) mission to demonstrate the world's first air-breathing spacecraft and advance next-generation orbital capabilities. The phase 2 contract provides funding to complete manufacturing and deliver the spacecraft to launch for the mission, which leverages the design of Redwire's SabreSat platform.

"VLEO represents an exciting new frontier for defense, intelligence, and communications missions. Through our work with DARPA, we are accelerating the development of cutting-edge capabilities that will define the future of this domain," said Tom Campbell, President, Space Missions at Redwire. "With Otter and our SabreSat platform, we are delivering higher-performance missions at lower altitudes: improving sensor perception and proximity to targets of interest, increasing revisit, reducing latency, and redefining mission resilience."

Otter is built on Redwire's U.S.-built SabreSat Orbital Drone, a new breed of satellite designed for performance, endurance and cost-effectiveness in VLEO. The spacecraft will showcase innovative software and hardware systems designed to extend spacecraft life and enhance performance in challenging low-altitude orbital environments.

This Q4 2025 award further strengthens Redwire's leadership in VLEO capabilities, complementing its role as prime contractor for the European Space Agency's Skimsat mission and its digital engineering work for DeepSat's planned VLEO constellation.

About Redwire

Redwire Corporation (NYSE:RDW) is an integrated space and defense tech company focused on advanced technologies. We are building the future of aerospace infrastructure, autonomous systems and multi-domain operations leveraging digital engineering and AI automation. Redwire's approximately 1,300 employees located throughout the United States and Europe are committed to delivering innovative space and airborne platforms transforming the future of multi-domain operations. For more information, please visit RDW.com.

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