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# **Astronics Awarded Multiyear Contract for Support of United Kingdom Bowman Tactical Communications System**

EAST AURORA, N.Y., Oct. 30, 2014 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Astronics Corporation (Nasdaq:ATRO) ("Astronics"), a leading provider of advanced technologies for the global aerospace and defense industries, announced today that its Test Systems segment, through Astronics' wholly-owned subsidiary DME Corporation, was awarded two five-year contracts by General Dynamics United Kingdom Limited to support the U. K. Ministry of Defense (MoD) Bowman tactical communications system test equipment modernization, logistics, supply and support.

Astronics will provide full logistical support for Bowman Radio Test solutions (RTS), including necessary repair and calibration, spares provisioning, obsolescence management and logistics support analysis required to maintain the 80 systems currently fielded. Astronics will also provide engineering design services and management support of the Bowman RTS equipment, which was originally supplied by Astronics as part of the General Dynamics U.K. led Bowman program.

Peter J. Gundermann, President and CEO of Astronics, noted, "Astronics' Bowman RTS is a critical test system used to verify and certify operational tactical radios and communications equipment for the UK MoD's current tactical radio fleet. We originally supplied the equipment to this program over 10 years ago. With these wins, we will continue to support the MoD's strategy to ensure continuous capability for voice and data communication."

## **ABOUT ASTRONICS CORPORATION**

Astronics Corporation (Nasdaq:ATRO) is a leader in advanced, high-performance lighting, electrical power, specialized avionics products and automated test systems for the global aerospace and defense industries. Astronics' strategy is to develop and maintain positions of technical leadership in its chosen aerospace and defense markets, to leverage those positions to grow the amount of content and volume of product it sells to those markets and to selectively acquire businesses with similar technical capabilities that could benefit from our leadership position and strategic direction. Astronics Corporation, through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, has a reputation for high-quality designs, exceptional responsiveness, strong brand recognition and best-in-class manufacturing practices. The Company routinely posts news and other important information on its Web site at [www.astronics.com](http://www.astronics.com).

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