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Frost & Sullivan Technology Leadership Award – April 05, for AFATDS proactive leadership in developing tactical mobile networks.

“The contractor [Raytheon AFATDS Program] was most diligent in providing accurate, complete and comprehensive technical reviews, which permitted far-reaching visibility into technical progress and timely notification of sensitive issues and technical decisions...Metrics collection and analysis have been superb, to include open and forthright cooperation within the [Integrated Product Team] IPT and timely resolution of issues.”

Source: AFATDS Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS)
October 2005.



Washington Technology Channel Leaders Award – October 05, for AFATDS Program Leadership, creativity, and good partnership in the delivery of products and services to the Government.

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"...is an excellent example of using information as a weapon, Peterson said. Another example is the Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System (AFATDS), [it] uses net-centric principles to exchange information between the military's intelligence-gathering systems and its command and control systems. "We've taken a big bite of the net-centric apple in AFATDS, and we like it," said Lt. Col. Jim Chapman, the Army's product manager of fire-support command and control.

Source: Article from Federal Computer Week, 13 February 2006.

http://www.fcw.com/print/12_3/news/92271-1.html?type=pf

"Raytheon Fort Wayne is being recognized for their outstanding work in Fire Support Command and Control Applications. This continues the trend began in 2004 when the Top 5 Government Quality Software Award was bestowed on them. They consistently meet or exceed the government requirements within cost, schedule, and technical limits. This Network Centric Warfare Award is also representative of the close Government-Contractor team that is in place. I anticipate continued excellent performance as the AFATDS software evolves into military Command & Control systems that will provide our servicemen and women with the best tools possible to aid their fight in the Global War on Terrorism."

Source: Lt. Col. James J. Chapman, PdM FSC2, comments on AFATDS selection as one of the 2006 top 3 NCW programs, May 2006



2006 Network Centric Warfare (NCW) award for Outstanding Achievement from the Defense Industry

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"Raytheon successfully demonstrated the utility of net-enabled weapons to provide non-traditional ISR (intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance) as well as time sensitive strike and dynamic retargeting. By demonstrating command and control capabilities [AFATDS] linked directly to its weapons, Raytheon showed how merged strategic, operational and tactical fires provide a critical link for timely and effective response to the joint warfighter."

Source: Raytheon Press release on experiments with network enabled munitions in support of the Air Force Integrated Collaborative Environment (AF-ICE), 14 August 2006.

"Raytheon has consistently performed exceptionally throughout the rating period. They have delivered software changes required by the war in Iraq in an amazingly short time in response to soldiers needs. The AFATDS software has received two awards during the rating period for its performance in battle situations".

Source: AFATDS Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) October 2006.

"The Raytheon Systems Engineers have continued to respond exceptionally to the demands of the PM and the soldier in the field. Their system design has resulted in additional interfaces for the AFATDS software with various munitions/weapons and expanded the friendly fire safety initiatives for the safety of the soldiers". The Software Engineers from Raytheon have responded remarkably to the constant need for changes to the software for requirements for combat in Iraq. They have revised the software in a rapid manner to incorporate these changes and issue them to the field. Their efforts have saved American lives."

Source: AFATDS CPARS October, 2006.

The AFATDS is directly aligned with GIG system specifications, and with what the DoD unified system will be designed to include.....AFATDS provides a net-centric battle command to coordinate land and air indirect fire systems in support of Army and Marine maneuver operations. Enabling missions to be planned and carried out in less time than previous systems,"

Source: "Global Information Grid Survivability: Four Studies", Software Engineering Institute, Carnegie Mellon SPECIAL REPORT CMU/SEI-2006-SR-008 March 2007

"...successfully demonstrating DCGS interoperability with the U.S. DIB systems as well as other coalition DIBs. In addition, Raytheon integrated the capability to use AFATDS (the Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System) into the DCGS system to perform target weapon pairing to select the right effect for engaging the right target at the right time."

Source: PR Newswire, Article on Coalition sharing of ISR data during Empire Challenge 2007 exercise. 15 October, 2007.

<http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/prnewswire/NEM03715102007-1.htm>

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2006 National Defense Industrial Association Top 5 Award for excellence in the application of Systems Engineering resulting in highly successful programs.

"Raytheon Company's Advanced Field Artillery Data System (AFATDS) program has been recognized by the Department of Defense and the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) as a 2006 Top 5 DoD program award winner for Systems Engineering..... The Top 5 DoD award recognizes excellence in the application of systems engineering that results in highly successful programs. Members from Raytheon's joint government-industry team were presented with the award during NDIA's 10th Annual Systems Engineering Conference in San Diego.

"This is the second time the AFATDS program has been recognized with this award, and the third award Raytheon has received in the past four years," said Jack Harrington, vice president of Command and Control Systems at Raytheon's Network Centric Systems. "Our partnership with our government team and the continued focus on sound, systems engineering principles and processes are core to our mission assurance commitment to the warfighter."

Source: MARLBOROUGH, Mass., Nov. 2, 2007 /PRNewswire/ -- Raytheon Press release on the AFATDS program selection as NDIA Top-5 DoD program for 2006, 2 November, 2007.

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AFATDS Government Program Manager comments on AFATDS program: December, 2007: "PD FSC2 Strategic Vision is to "Advance Integrated Precision Fires and Effects and transform to a Net-Enabled Battle Command Systems of Systems construct". There are many stakeholders involved. Integral to executing this is a strong Government/Industrial team where communication and a common goal is imperative. I am proud to say that our team has leaned forward and has taken on the challenges of NCW to include engaging with FCS and NECC to pre-position our program as an integral part of the Future Force. We are leveraging advancements in technology and continue provide state-of-the-art equipment to our warfighters.

Source: Ted Hom, Product Director, FSC2, PM Battle Command, 3 December, 2007.

AFATDS User Representative comments on AFATDS program December, 2007: "As the TRADOC User Representative for Fires Command and Control Systems, I feel very strongly that the AFATDS team has met every challenge and continues to lead the way in Network Centric Operations. From supporting users deployed worldwide, providing capabilities to the Future Combat System, or developing applications to support the Joint Force, the AFATDS team is unsurpassed. I have been an AFATDS User and have represented the user for the last 3 years and I believe that AFATDS is the only Fires C2 System needed in the world today."

Source: Col John Haithcock, TRADOC Capabilities Manager Fire Support C3, 3 December, 2007.

Extract from Contractor Performance Assessment Report (CPAR) – January, 2008

MANAGEMENT: Raytheon has gone well beyond what is required or expected by their proactive approach to the ever changing software blocking environment. They have worked extremely closely with the Government to ensure an understanding of the Governments requirements and priorities in the area of software development and delivery.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIVENESS: Raytheon's staff has stayed abreast of the volatile conditions and have always been ready with recommended alternatives that would ensure the AFATDS program stayed on the path to success. This has virtually eliminated many problems before the program was negatively impacted. The Raytheon staff has ensured that the government project office has been appraised of the program conditions and external influences well in advance to avoid potential risks."

Source: AFATDS Government Program Office, as documented in the AFATDS CPAR for performance between Oct 2006 and Dec 2007. 11 Jan, 2008.

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2008 Network Centric Warfare Award – Outstanding Achievement from a Defense Industry Partner: Presented by the Institute for Defense and Government Advancement (IDGA) 23 Jan, 2008.



2008 Network Centric Warfare Award – Outstanding US Government Program: Presented by the Institute for Defense and Government Advancement. (IDGA) 23 Jan, 2008.

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“Raytheon Company's (NYSE: RTN) Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System, or AFATDS, has received top honors in two categories at the network centric warfare awards sponsored by the Institute for Defense and Government Advancement. The awards honor, recognize and promote initiatives in the Department of Defense, coalition governments and defense industry that exemplify the principles of network centric warfare and support information age transformation.

The AFATDS awards for the outstanding achievement from the defense industry and for outstanding U.S. government program were based on a review by a panel of judges representing the DoD, active duty military, industry and academia.”

Source: MARLBOROUGH, Mass., Feb. 13, 2008 /PRNewswire/ --