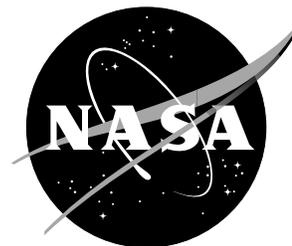


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Firms on two coasts to provide precision services to NASA

NASA's Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va., has selected two companies in Virginia and one in California to provide the Agency with aerospace models and development test hardware for spaceflight and ground-based tests.

Dynamic Engineering, Inc. (doing business as Allied Aerospace Industries) and Advanced Technologies, Inc., both of Newport News, Va., and Tri Models, Inc., of Huntington Beach, Calif., will support NASA's Ames Research Center, Moffet Field, Calif.; Glenn Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio; Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, Ala., and Langley with precision design and fabrication services.

The value of this multiple award, performance-based contract is \$49 million over five years.

Called the Reliance Consolidated Models Design and/or Fabrication of Aerospace Models Systems or RECOM II contract, the new award consolidates design and fabrication activities for the Agency. "We have found that consolidating the needs of NASA's field centers and offering multiple vendors simplifies the procurement process and ensures the best value for the government," said Robert K. Hedgepeth, Langley's technical expert and chair of the source evaluation team.

Contracted precision equipment include both mechanical and electrical or electronic services. Models may incorporate the use of new technologies, such as smart materials, or new processes, such as stereolithography. Mechanical hardware elements needed may include wind tunnel models, drop models, model components, model support systems, test equipment, turbomachinery models, aircraft flight test hardware, space flight hardware, structural test articles and instrumentation devices to measure force, moment, acceleration, attitude, pressure strain and temperature. The electrical and electronic hardware required may be motors, actuators, sensors, control panels, printed circuit boards, data acquisition and control systems, circuit protection connectors, fiber-optic cables or wiring to support test hardware.

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