

Boeing to Offer the P-8A Poseidon for Canada's Multi-Mission Aircraft Project



An artist's rendering depicts the P-8A Poseidon in Canadian livery. *BOEING*

OTTAWA, Ontario – Boeing announced on Feb. 10 its intent to offer the P-8A Poseidon in response to Canada's request for information for long-range maritime patrol aircraft. The Canadian Multi-Mission Aircraft project will replace the Royal Canadian Air Force fleet of CP-140 Aurora aircraft and enhance its antisubmarine warfare and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities.

With more than 140 aircraft in service, the P-8 has executed more than 400,000 mishap free flight-hours around the globe. Militaries that operate or have selected the P-8 include the U.S. Navy, the United Kingdom's Royal Air Force, Royal Australian Air Force, Royal New Zealand Air Force, Indian navy, Royal Norwegian Air Force, Republic of Korea navy and German navy.

"The P-8A Poseidon has demonstrated that it is the world's most capable multi-mission aircraft currently in production and offers a complete solution for Canada's CMMA requirements," said Tim Flood, international business development director for Europe and Americas. "The range, speed, and endurance of the P-8 makes it the perfect platform to monitor Canada's northern and maritime approaches and the P-8 will ensure allied interoperability to meet Canada's security commitments. Coupled with a robust industrial partnership plan, Boeing's offer will build on its successful record of contributing to Canada's economic growth throughout the life of the CMMA program."

The P-8A's multi-mission capability has delivered mission success in antisubmarine warfare, ISR, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief and search and rescue missions. These multi-mission capabilities are enhanced through secure, interoperable, net-ready systems that will provide Canada with the ability to engage/control and to fully integrate with other antisubmarine warfare and ISR assets.

In addition, the P-8 shares extensive commonality with Boeing's 737NG, which has support infrastructure around the globe. Commonality in spares and training for aircrews and maintainers reduces costs substantially and enables military operators to leverage support throughout the world.