

Northrop Grumman to Deliver US Navy's E-130J Nuclear Command, Control and Communications Aircraft



The Northrop Grumman-led industry team will deliver the E-130J for the U.S. Navy's TACAMO mission. (Credit: Northrop Grumman)

MELBOURNE, Fla. – Dec. 18, 2024 – Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) has been selected as the prime contractor to deliver nuclear command, control and communications (NC3) aircraft for the U.S. Navy's Take Charge And Move Out (TACAMO) mission. The Northrop Grumman-led industry team will deliver the [E-130J](#) to relieve the U.S. Navy's current E-6B Mercury fleet of the TACAMO mission. □

- Northrop Grumman has invested more than \$1 billion in digital engineering and manufacturing capabilities that will assist in rapidly designing, building, testing and sustaining the E-130J.
- The company has been a key industry partner with the U.S. Navy as a prime aeronautics manufacturer for decades by serving as the prime contractor on the U.S. Navy's [E-2D Advanced Hawkeye](#) and the [MQ-4C Triton](#) as well as providing support for the [E-6B Mercury](#) TACAMO fleet.
- The effort will incorporate Northrop Grumman's technology leadership in advanced manufacturing, agile

design, digital engineering and weapon system integration expertise to take advantage of Day One readiness across the Northrop Grumman-led industry team

Expert:

Jane Bishop, vice president and general manager, global surveillance division, Northrop Grumman: “Our performance on Navy programs like the E-2D and E-6B prove we deliver on what we promise, and we will bring this expertise in helping the Navy deliver the E-130J on time and optimized for this strategically important mission.”

Details:

The U.S. Navy’s TACAMO mission provides connectivity between the National Command Authority and U.S. nuclear forces. The Navy currently operates a fleet of [E-6B Mercury](#) aircraft to provide survivable, reliable and endurable airborne command, control and communications between the National Command Authority and U.S. forces. The E-130J will modernize this critical strategic deterrent mission.

Northrop Grumman’s E-130J TACAMO industry team of Lockheed Martin Skunk Works ®; Raytheon; Crescent Systems, Inc; and Long Wave Inc. has vast knowledge and expertise in delivering critical command and control and nuclear enterprise capabilities to meet the U.S. Navy’s E-130J TACAMO requirement.