

Complementary Low Altitude Weapons (CLAWS)

Description

The CLAWS is a mobile, ground based, air defense missile system designed to defeat threat cruise missiles, unmanned aerial vehicles, and fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft. CLAWS takes advantage of Government Furnished Equipment (GFE), Non-Developmental items (NDI) and technology by integrating current inventory DoD missiles and launch rails with an existing High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicle (HMMWV). CLAWS consists of a minimum of four Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM) mounted on a HMMWV. The CLAWS is an Avenger system with its turret removed and replaced by an AMRAAM capable launch structure.

Operational Impact

CLAWS gives complementary air defense capability providing speed and flexibility required for the execution of Operational Maneuver From the Sea (OMFTS). It will possess the mobility and lethality required to keep pace with supported maneuver elements to fill gaps in Naval Air Defense coverage created by extended littoral operations. ItClaws will complement Stinger/Avenger systems by prosecuting enemy cruise missiles and other air breathing targets beyond the capabilities/ranges of those systems.

Program Status

Concept exploration activities are proceeding. A Milestone I/II decision is anticipated in FY01. Additionally, a budget proposal initiative was approved during has been submitted for consideration in POM 02 deliberations. IOC is anticipated during FY05.

Procurement Profile: FY01 FY02

Quantity: 0 0

Developer/Manufacturer

TBD

