

➤ Expeditionary Fire Support System (EFSS)

DESCRIPTION

The Expeditionary Fire Support System (EFSS) will be the final system of a land-based fire-support triad that includes the LW155 and HIMARS. It will accompany MAGTFs in any type of expeditionary operation. It will be the primary indirect fire support system for the vertical assault element of the ship-to-objective maneuver force. EFSS will be transportable by helicopter and tiltrotor aircraft, and will possess the greatest possible range and flexibility of employment for OMFTS.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

EFSS will expand the maneuver commander's spectrum of fire-support options and be capable of successfully engaging a range of potential point and area targets, including motorized, light-armored, and dismounted personnel targets; command-and-control

systems; and indirect fire systems. EFSS will afford the MAGTF commander increased flexibility in tailoring his fire-support systems to support the scheme of maneuver. EFSS-equipped units will be especially well suited for missions requiring speed, tactical agility, and vertical transportability. The EFSS design and configuration will ensure that its tactical mobility, both in the air and on the ground, is equal to that of the supported force.

PROGRAM STATUS

EFSS will receive RDT&E funds starting in FY 2004, and PMC funds starting in FY 2006. EFSS is pre-Milestone A. During FY 2002, Marine Corps Systems Command formed a cross-functional Integrated Product Team (IPT). The IPT is currently conducting studies and market research of potential material solutions.

PROCUREMENT PROFILE:	FY03	FY04
<i>Quantity:</i>	0	0
DEVELOPER/MANUFACTURER		
TBD		