

# COMPLEMENTARY LOW ALTITUDE WEAPON SYSTEM

## DESCRIPTION

The Complementary Low Altitude Weapon System (CLAWS) is a rapidly deployable, mobile, high-firepower, all-weather, standoff air defense system. CLAWS is designed to defend Marine Expeditionary Forces and naval forces from attack by cruise missiles, fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft, and UAVs. The system consists of a launcher integrated



with the Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) on a HMMWV platform, missile interface equipment, remote terminal units, a three-axis geographic position system, a GPS receiver,

SINCGARS radios, and a reloading device.

## OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Highly mobile and extremely lethal, CLAWS extends the MAGTF commander's three-dimensional defenses. Currently, Stinger/Avenger systems provide effective close-in low altitude air defense for the commander against threat aircraft and UAVs. CLAWS provides anti-cruise Missile Capabilities and possesses the mobility and lethality needed to support MAGTF operations fill gaps in naval air defense coverage during extended littoral operations.

## PROGRAM STATUS

CLAWS is an Acquisition Category III program. In 2003, CLAWS entered into a joint acquisition strategy with the US Army's Surface-Launched AMRAAM (SLAMRAAM) program. CLAWS will provide a Block I four-launcher initial operational capability in the first quarter of FY 2006. CLAWS/ SLAMRAAM will provide a Block II joint launcher initial operational capability in the fourth quarter of FY 2008.

### PROCUREMENT PROFILE:

Quantity:

FY 04

0

FY 05

2

### DEVELOPER/MANUFACTURER

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