

EXPEDITIONARY FIRE SUPPORT SYSTEM

DESCRIPTION

The Expeditionary Fire Support System (EFSS) will be the third and final system of a land-based fire support triad that includes the LW155 and HIMARS. Accompanying MAGTFs in all types of expeditionary operations, EFSS will be the primary indirect fire support system for the vertical assault element of the ship-to-objective maneuver force. As such, EFSS will be transportable by helicopter and tilt-rotor 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.

PROGRAM STATUS

EFSS is currently in the Concept and Technology Development Phase, having achieved a Milestone A decision in June 2003. Initial operational capability is scheduled for FY 2006.

PROCUREMENT PROFILE:

Quantity:

FY 04

0

FY 05

0

DEVELOPER/MANUFACTURER

TBD