

Indian Government Acquires Three Embraer EMB 145 AEW&C Jets

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The airplanes will be used for developing that country's surveillance program

Embraer and the Indian Government have signed a deal for three EMB 145 AEW&C (Airborne Early Warning & Control) jets. The contract includes a comprehensive logistics package comprised of training, technical support, spare parts, and ground support equipment.

The proven ERJ 145 platform, currently being used on Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) missions in Brazil, Mexico and Greece, will join the AEW&C Program under the responsibility of India's Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO).

"Embraer is proud to have the Indian Government as a customer. Our relationship started in 2003 with the purchase of five Legacy aircraft for transporting public officials," said Luiz Carlos Aguiar, Embraer Executive Vice President, Defense and Government Market. "In our commitment to a long-term relationship with the Indian Government, we look forward to continue collaborating in strengthening the country's airborne operational capabilities."

The first delivery is scheduled for 2011. The three aircraft will be outfitted by the customer with cabin equipment and mission systems, and will join four Legacy jets in operation by the Indian Air Force (IAF) used to transport Indian VIPs, as well as foreign dignitaries. A fifth Legacy belongs to the Border Security Force (BSF), under India's Home Ministry.

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