

V-22 Program Acquisition Decision Information Paper

- The Defense Acquisition Board (DAB) met on July 31, 2003, to follow up on the actions from the May 2003 DAB and will meet again in April 2004 to review program progress and plans. With continued confidence in the program, the DAB considered ways to support the on-going progress of Team Osprey towards delivering high-quality aircraft to the Marines and Special Operations Forces.
- Accordingly, the Defense Acquisition Executive made the following decisions and/or provided the following direction with regard to the V-22 program:
 - Directed the Military Departments and SOCOM to invest in additional capabilities and program initiatives, to be financed by adjusting the near-term production rate. A near-term adjustment was made in production quantities to provide the production team a better opportunity to succeed in the long run.
 - Directed the Military Departments and SOCOM to fully fund the resulting program and submit a joint Budget Change Proposal for program adjustments needed in FY05.
 - Directed the Joint Requirements Oversight Council to provide a coordinated statement of capabilities-needs determination for desired interoperability enhancements for future increments.
 - Directed the Program Office to amend its Acquisition Strategy to incorporate priority activities including:
 - Fielding interoperability capabilities via spiral development;
 - Planning for investments in Cost Reduction Initiatives; and
 - Planning to accelerate Multi-Year Procurement.
 - Directed the Program Office to ensure compliance with the certification requirement of Section 123 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 before purchasing any quantity greater than the minimum sustaining rate.