



# FUTURE AIRCREW TRAINING PROGRAM - BABCOCK CANADA AND LEONARDO CANADA JOIN FORCES

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**Babcock Canada and Leonardo Canada are pleased to announce that they have signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) to jointly pursue Canada’s Future Aircrew Training Program (FAcT) and to create a Canadian joint venture. This partnership between two companies with strong footprints in military pilot training, ensures that the FAcT program will benefit from the expertise and innovation made by two global players, each of which have over 70 years of aircrew training experience delivered around the world.**

**A modern air force needs an advanced training solution based on cutting-edge technology, focused on early streaming, and better output standards at lower costs. Babcock and Leonardo can offer a modern and comprehensive solution drawing on their long experience as leading providers of civil and military fixed-wing, rotary-wing and mission training services. The companies stand ready to offer an innovative and comprehensive turnkey solution to meet all of the Royal Canadian Air Force’s training requirements.**

Leonardo as a world leader in the training sector can cover the entire pilot training syllabus with a unique range allowing the training syllabus to be tailored to air force requirements. A complete Ground Based Training System (GBTS), which is perfectly integrated with the platforms, able to

ensure both high quality training and strong operating efficiency, complements the aircraft. Platforms and systems offer customers worldwide a turnkey training solution that can guarantee the highest quality standards at every training stage. With a long heritage and its expertise in military pilot training, Leonardo has built about 2,000 trainers that have been sold to more than 40 countries.

From basic to advanced flying training for air forces, navies and armies, Babcock delivers unrivalled technical instruction across multiple locations and aircraft types. Whether it is providing technical training instruction, developing training materials or maintaining critical training assets, Babcock is trusted by its customers to deliver world-class training solutions.

Babcock Canada and Leonardo Canada are strongly committed to building a strong Canadian Team reinforcing their existing long-term relationships and partnerships with the Canadian Government and Canadian industries.

***FAcT (Future Aircrew Training) program:***

*The Canadian government is seeking to procure a comprehensive aircrew training program that provides aircraft, ground based training systems, civilian instructors, as well as other essential services, such as air traffic control, aircraft and airfield maintenance, accommodation, and food services for the Royal Canadian Air Force. The 20-year contract, is expected to be awarded in 2023.*

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