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Adacel, Vega win training support contract extensions

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Two companies have won extensions to their military aviation training support contracts, one with U.S. Air Force and the other with a British defense aeronautical engineering college.

Adacel's Orlando, Fla.-based unit has been awarded a \$2 million extension to the Air Force air traffic control tower simulation system contract. The Air Force has purchased additional service center support for the MaxSim control tower simulator.

The original MaxSim program contract was awarded in 2002 and was worth \$72.5 million for up to 94 simulators to be procured through 2011. Over 60 systems have been deployed.

MaxSim uses speech recognition technology, 3D visual displays and a suite of weather and environmental effects to simulate the air traffic control environment.

The U.K. Defence College of Aeronautical Engineering at Royal Air Force base Cosford in Shropshire, meanwhile, has awarded Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire-based Vega Group a 600,000 British pound (\$1.1 million) extension to the training services it provides avionics technicians.

Vega will upgrade the desktop Avionics Systems Trainer that the company originally delivered to RAF Cosford in 1996, replacing its DOS operating system with Windows XP.