Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System (SINCGARS)

MISSION
Provides Joint commanders with a highly reliable, low-cost, secure, and easily maintained Combat NET Radio (CNR) that has both voice and data handling capability in support of tactical command and control operations.

DESCRIPTION
The Single Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System (SINCGARS) is the DoD/Army multi-service fielded solution for voice communication for platoon level and above, operating over the 30,000 to 87.975MHz frequency range. This radio provides the capability of establishing two-way communications (including jam-resistance) using the SINCGARS waveform and provides multimode voice and data communications supporting ground, air-to-ground, and ground-to-air line-of-sight communications links. The ASIP radio is the newer version of the SINCGARS radio. It is smaller than the SIP and weighs significantly less, while still maintaining all the functionalities of the SIP for backward compatibility.

Enhancements include the Embedded Global Positioning System (GPS) Receiver (EGR) and the radio-based combat identification/radio-based situational awareness (RBCI/RBSA) capability, which provides the warfighter with enhanced situational awareness and identification of friendly forces in targeted areas. RBCI serves as a gap filler for combat identification, providing an interrogation/responder capability to satisfy the air-to-ground positive identification of platforms prior to release of weapons to prevent fratricide. RBSA adds a radio beaconing capability for every ASIP-equipped platform to enhance the Blue Force situational awareness picture. The Internet controller enhancements add improved addressing capabilities in support of tactical Internet enhancements being provided by Joint Battle Command–Platform for Joint interoperability. Crypto modernization is a programmable communications security capability for SINCGARS that will allow the radios to continue to provide secure communications to the secret and top-secret level of security.

SYSTEM INTERDEPENDENCIES
None

PROGRAM STATUS
• 3QFY08–FY10: Continue to field in accordance with Headquarters Department of the Army guidance to support the Army Campaign Plan; National Guard, Army Reserve, and Active Army, Operation Enduring Freedom requirements and urgent Operational Needs Statement
• 3QFY09: Competitive contract award for procurement of SINCGARS radios to meet approved acquisition objective requirement in FY09

PROJECTED ACTIVITIES
• FY11–4QFY13: Fielding of SINCGARS to Army Overseas Contingency Operation through FY13
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FOREIGN MILITARY SALES
Australia, Bahrain, Croatia, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Korea, Kuwait, Morocco, New Zealand, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, SHAPE Tech Center, Slovakia, Taiwan, Thailand, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Zimbabwe

CONTRACTORS
Radio design/production:
ITT (Fort Wayne, IN)

Hardware Installation Kits:
UNICOR (Washington, DC)

Engineering Support and Testing:
ITT (Clifton, NJ)

Total Package Fielding:
CACI (Eatontown, NJ)