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Gripen team submits response to Austrian RFI

SAAB-BAE SYSTEMS Gripen has today submitted its response to the Austrian government's Request for Information (RFI) for new fighter aircraft to fulfill its national defense requirements.

The response is based on the supply of up to 30 new Gripen four-generation multi-role / swing-role fighters, supported by an innovative finance package and offset program.

"Saab Aerospace, which manufactures and markets Gripen internationally in partnership with BAE SYSTEMS of the United Kingdom, has developed a close understanding of Austrian defense operations and requirements since signing a contract to supply the Draken fighter in 1985", stated Roger Lantz, who heads the Gripen campaign in Austria.

"The Gripen team looks forward to further developing this long-standing relationship with Austrian defense during the competition process for new fighter", he continued.

Produced by a joint venture company in which Saab of Sweden and United Kingdom's BAE SYSTEMS (formerly British Aerospace) have equal shares, Gripen is the world's first in service fourth-generation fighter, designed to meet all known and perceived 21st century defense threats.

It is the only multi-role / swing-role fighter in service today with ease of maintenance and low operational costs designed-in. Fully-integrated digital systems give Gripen the brain power to use its strength, and the intelligence to use its muscles to maximum effect, whether facing multiple airborne or ground targets or identifying hostile forces during a reconnaissance mission.

Backed by the UK and Swedish governments and supported by the combined experience and resource of companies including Volvo, Ericsson and Investor, one of the world's biggest industrial conglomerates, Saab-BAE SYSTEMS Gripen offers its customers unrivalled partnership opportunities and new-generation defense and business solutions like no other.

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