

Shipborne Aircraft (NSA), based on the EH101 airframe, are due to be concluded by March 1992. There are opportunities for Canadian companies to become suppliers on both programs.

In November 1991, bidding began on Bowman, a \$2 billion UK combat radio project which is expected to be the biggest military communications deal this century. Siemens Plessey Defence Systems has linked with Racal Electronics as sub-contractor. GEC-Marconi has teamed with the French state-owned contractor, Thomson-CSF to launch its bid and these two consortia are expected to be front-runners, alongside ITT of the USA. Bids are due to be in by February 1992 and two groups are expected to be selected in 1993 for a "demonstration" phase, partly MOD funded. A production order, expected to involve up to 60,000 radio sets, including UHF ground-to-air radios, is not expected until the late 1990s.