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General Dynamics Awarded \$255 Million Contract by U.S. Army for M2A1 Quick Change Barrel Kits

St. Petersburg, Fla. – The U.S. Army Contracting Command has awarded General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems a five-year indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contract with a potential value of \$255 million for the production of M2A1 Quick Change Barrel Kits.

The M2A1 Quick Change Barrel (QCB) Kit allows the operator to quickly change the barrel of the standard M2 Heavy Barrel (M2HB) weapon to one that has a fixed headspace and timing, eliminating the need to manually calibrate the weapon after each barrel change. As a 2011 winner of the Army's Greatest Inventions (AGI), the M2A1 QCB Kit increases weapon durability and the safety of the warfighter by reducing exposure time to enemy fire.

"General Dynamics designed the original system and has been the sole producer of the M2A1 kits since 2010," said Tim McAuliffe, vice president and general manager of medium caliber ammunition and weapon systems for General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems. "As a low-risk, high-quality supplier, we will continue to work closely with the Army to deliver a kit that is affordable and extremely reliable."

Production, program management and engineering work on the M2A1 kit will be performed at the company's Saco, Maine, and Williston, Vt., facilities by existing employees. Deliveries under the first order are expected to be complete by the end of 2016.

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