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## SPECIAL REPORT

[IT Coast Guard RADM Pollastrini: "Implementing Integrated Maritime Policy in the European Union"](#) In conjunction with Italian Embassy in Washington, SELEX Sistemi Integrati has organized an event in line with the recent declarations of DHS Secretary, Janet Napolitano, looking for an "international approach to the security" recommending potential practical responses. [...]

[EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT: THE FIVE LESSONS](#) "Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management" is part of a series of Workshops titled "Share Best Practices across the Atlantic" organized by SELEX SI. The 3rd Workshop guest speaker, the Hon Michael Chertoff, former Secretary [...]

## NEWS

[VIENNA INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY AGENDA: PORT SECURITY](#) U.S. Rep. Laura Richardson (D-CA) today pushed the issues of port security and international piracy on to the agenda of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly (OSCE PA). [...]

[Marinette Marine / FINCANTIERI : an oceanographic vessel for Alaska](#) Marinette Marine Corporation, the FINCANTIERI's American subsidiary, will built an oceanographic research vessel capable of working in icy arctic waters (Alaska Region Vessel – ARRV) for the University of Fairbanks, Alaska. [...]

[Upgraded Biometric Technology Facilitates Visitors' Entry to the United States](#) An upgraded biometric technology is in place at major U.S. ports of entry, and most international visitors should expect to use the new technology when they enter the United States. [...]

[Radiation Detection Portals at Port Hueneme](#) U.S. Customs and Border Protection announced today the deployment of Radiation Portal Monitors at Port Hueneme to prevent terrorists from attempting to smuggle radiological materials used in nuclear and radiological dispersal devices. [...]

[TSA: X-ray Technology Capability at Checkpoints Nationwide](#) The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced it is further bolstering existing explosives detection capabilities by deploying additional tools to screen powdered substances at checkpoints. [...]

[EADS Falls Into The Red – A380 Will Make Losses For At Least 2-3 Years](#) European Aeronautic Defence & Space Co. NV said Tuesday it swung into the red in 2009 as problem contracts weighed on earnings, as expected, and it predicted that 2010 will be another difficult year even though visibility is improving. [...]

[MEADS : Army would like to kill the program, but Pentagon resists](#) After several failed attempts, the Army is trying again to cancel a \$19 billion missile defense system that the United States is developing in partnership with Italy and [...]

[US Grounds BAE Export Applications](#) The US State Department has put a hold on all new applications for export licences by BAE Systems in the wake of the company's recent criminal plea agreement to settle long-running bribery allegations. [...]

[Defending Against Drones: How our new favorite weapon in the war on terror could be turned against us.](#) The unmanned spy plane that Lebanon's Hezbollah sent buzzing over Israeli towns in 2005 was loud and weaponless, and carried only a rudimentary camera. But the surprise flight by a regional terror group still [...]

[UK Defence Committee: Millions On Unproductive Procurement.](#) The MoD is spending hundreds of millions of pounds a year on unproductive activities because it has commissioned more work than it can afford to pay for, says the Defence Select Committee in its Report, Defence Equipment 2010, [...]

[Police partner with license plate readers](#) A growing number of police departments are turning to mobile camera systems to fight motor vehicle theft and identify unregistered cars. The cameras read license plates of parked and moving cars — hundreds per minute — and check them against vehicle databases, said Lance Clem, [...]

[Northrop Considers Bid for U.S. Navy's LCS](#) Northrop Grumman is examining both competing Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) designs with an eye to possibly bidding as a second-source shipyard to build the small, fast warships for the U.S. Navy, the company's top shipbuilder [...]

[Finmeccanica Looks for Partner in White House Helicopter Bid](#) Finmeccanica SpA, Italy's biggest defense contractor, said it is looking for a partner as the U.S. Defense Department restarts the process of replacing the ageing fleet of presidential helicopters. [...]

[GD and Austal Split Up To Bid on LCS](#) Shipbuilding partners Austal USA and General Dynamics have agreed to revoke their teaming arrangement on the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) program [...]

[Finmeccanica / Guarguaglini: 2009 results exceed expectations](#) Data even more positive when compared to world stage In 2009, Finmeccanica's performance was "above expectations and show growth in all parameters." The company's chairman and CEO, Pier Francesco Guarguaglini said [...]

[German Weather Service Selects Selex Systems Integration and Lockheed Martin for Wind Shear Detection at Frankfurt and Munich Airports](#) The German Weather Service (DWD) has signed a contract with Selex Systems Integration GmbH to deliver a Low Level Wind Shear Alert System (LLWAS) for the Frankfurt and Munich, Germany airports. [...]

[License plate recognition to be regulated in Maine](#) Action that would limit use to law enforcement, DOT could be precedent setting The Maine Legislature's Joint Transportation Committee has moved forward a bill this week that would set statewide policy for the use of license plate recognition technology. [...]

[Pentagon Panel Has Contractor Contacts: Analysis finds financial ties](#) More than half of the panel members appointed to review the Pentagon's latest four-year strategy blueprint have financial ties to defense contractors with a stake in the planning process, a USA TODAY analysis shows. [...]

[Airport scanners still in storage](#) President Barack Obama's 2009 stimulus plan included \$25 million for airport screening machines capable of detecting explosives like those carried by the Christmas Day bomber. But more than a year after passage of the stimulus, the Department of Homeland Security has yet to install [...]

[NATO Contract to SELEX Sistemi Integrati](#) SELEX Sistemi Integrati has received a Contract of 15 M€ for the integration of about 230 Sensors on new implemented Air Command and Control (ACCS) Sites, hosted by eleven NATO Nations. The Contract has been awarded to SELEX Sistemi Integrati, through the ACCS Main [...]

[Equatorial Guinea Maritime Security: 250 M\\$ potential value to L-3 Communications](#) L-3 Communications announced that its MPRI division has been awarded a \$58 million task order. This task order is the first part of a multi-year contract, with a potential value of approximately \$250 million. [...]

[EUROSAM bids for Turkish Air Defence System](#) Turkey's defence procurement office removed MBDA from a blacklist last month after an international legal dispute between the Ankara government and the French missile maker ended amicably. One immediate effect: Eurosam, whose shareholders include [...]

[Border Patrol Agents Intercept Migrants After Landing by Boat in Florida](#) On Feb. 22, at approximately 7:15 a.m., Border Patrol agents from the West Palm Beach Station responded to a call from the Martin County Sheriff's Office which reported a landing of migrants in the area of Sewall's Point, Fla. [...]

[The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: 3550 M\\$ assigned](#) The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is an effort to jumpstart our economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. [...]

[Thales Stock Tumbles After Surprise 2009 Loss](#) Shares in Thales fell sharply Feb. 19 after the French systems company posted an unexpected 2009 net loss of 128 million euros (\$173 million), halved its dividend and issued a gloomy outlook for orders. [...]

[Secretary Napolitano Highlights Strengthened Aviation Security](#) Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano yesterday toured Transportation Security Administration (TSA) explosive detection technologies and canine program operations in Virginia and Texas—highlighting \$576 million [...]

[SBI net program on delays](#) SBI net director shares frustrations and progress on delays, tests and Boeing But Mark Borkowski remains hopeful that SBI net will be a success As executive director of the Homeland Security Department's Secure Border Initiative, Mark Borkowski is in the unenviable position [...]

[Finmeccanica reaches the amount of \\$100 million in U.S. military orders for DVE](#) Finmeccanica, through its company DRS Technologies, Inc., have reached \$100 million in U.S. military orders for infrared Driver's Vision Enhancers (DVEs). The delivery orders have been placed against a September 2009 contract [...]