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# CH-47F Update

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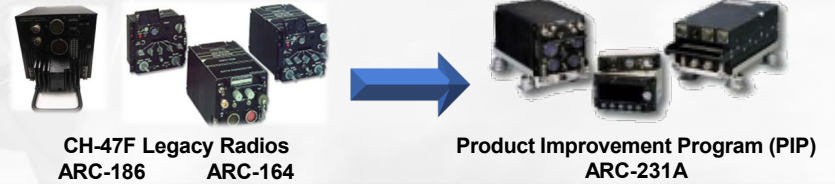
## Program Update

- Final 5 CH-47F US aircraft in production
- CH-47F Block II EMD activities complete; MS C FY25
- Congressional CH-47F Block II aircraft procurement 2020-2024
- First production representative CH-47F Block II accepted by USG
- Global demand for CH-47F Block II is increasing



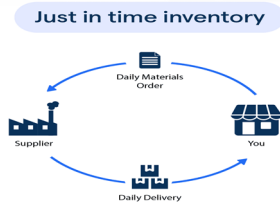
## Sustainment of Enduring Fleet

- Historically, aircraft sustainment relied heavily on production
- Fielded CH-47F require OCSM or overhaul to extend the life of a 20+ year old aircraft
- Modernization updates through obsolescence

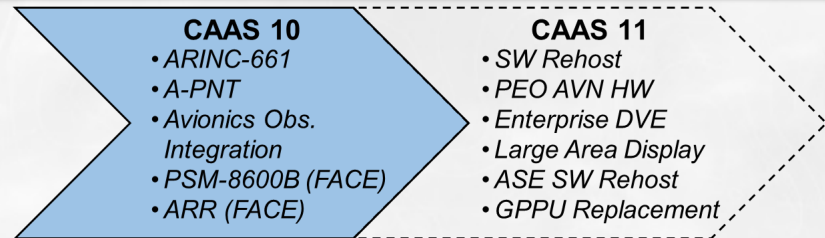


## Supply Chain Concerns

- **Supply Chain**
  - Second source opportunities
  - Increasing raw material costs and lead time for parts drive cost and schedule unpredictability
- Proactive obsolescence management to reduce risk



## MOSA & Future Capability



- CAAS 10**
- ARINC-661
  - A-PNT
  - Avionics Obs. Integration
  - PSM-8600B (FACE)
  - ARR (FACE)

- CAAS 11**
- SW Rehost
  - PEO AVN HW
  - Enterprise DVE
  - Large Area Display
  - ASE SW Rehost
  - GPPU Replacement

- Use of MBSE processes and tools to integrate cross-platform capabilities
- CAAS architectural alignment with UH-60M, CH-47F, MH-47G

Quality and Affordability are key U.S. Army metrics that OEM and sub-tier suppliers must prioritize



# CH-47F Block II



## Product Improvement Program (PIP)

- ARC-231A integration
- New data loader
- Common fill ports
- Improved fuel sys info
- Electromagnetic hardening



## Common Avionics Architecture System (CAAS) Update



## Flight Controls

- Redesigned trim actuators
- Digital Advanced Flight Control System update

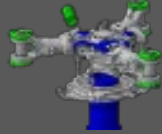


## Improved Troop Seats



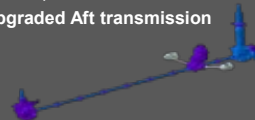
## Rotor System

- Upgraded hub



## Improved Drive Train

- Upgraded Sync/Rotor Shafts
- Upgraded forward, combiner transmissions
- Modified/Upgraded Aft transmission



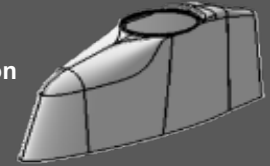
## Upgraded Acoustic Blanket



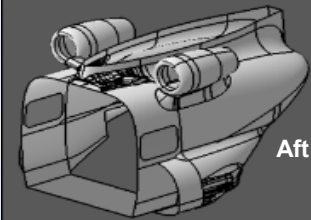
## Airframe Mods

- Strengthened for fatigue & growth (G baseline)

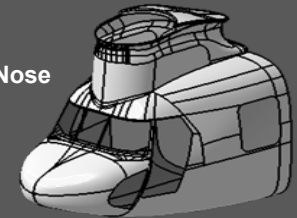
Pylon



Aft Section



Nose

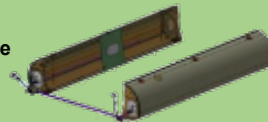


## Helicopter Emergency Egress Lighting System



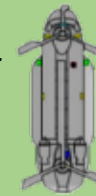
## Fuel System

- New single tank
- Externally replaceable pumps
- New composite pods



## Electrical System

- Regulated Transformer Rectifiers
- Emergency Power
- LED lighting

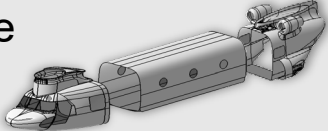
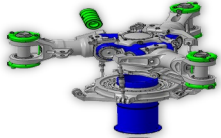
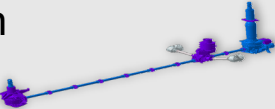

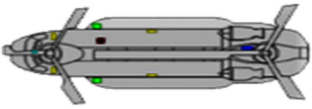



CH-47 Unique components

MH-47 Common components

INCREASED PAYLOAD, EXTENDED REACH, IMPROVED SUSTAINABILITY

# Block II Significant Improvements

ECP	Benefit
Airframe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased maximum gross weight</li> <li>• Increased commonality for H-47 fleet</li> </ul>
Rotor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced O&amp;S costs: greater parts life at higher aircraft gross weights</li> </ul>
Drive Train 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced O&amp;S costs: greater parts life at higher aircraft gross weight</li> </ul>
Fuel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single tank design</li> <li>• Increased fuel capacity</li> </ul>
Electrical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased emergency power</li> <li>• Helicopter Emergency Egress Lighting (HEELS)</li> <li>• Troop Power Access</li> </ul>
Flight Controls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved aircraft handling qualities</li> </ul>



# CH-47F Obsolescence Goals



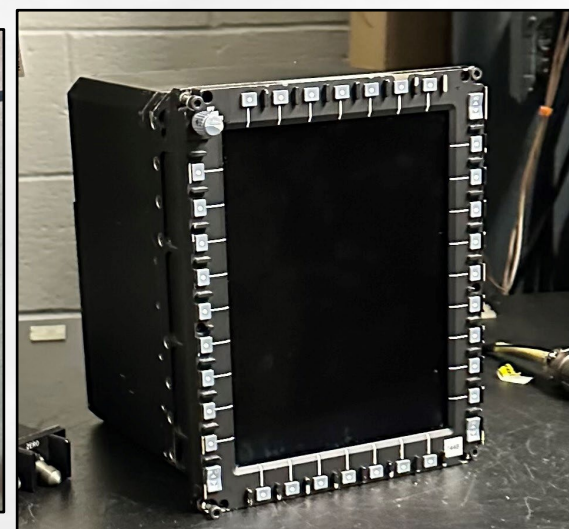
- Deliberate process to identify and mitigate issues
- Proactive program focused on entire aircraft
- Sustain the Block I fleet
- Sustain Block II fleet as it enters service
- Recognition of “orphaned parts” with transition to Block II



CH-47F CDU



CH-47F PSM 8600A, 8600B



CH-47F MFD



# International Engineering Services Program



- Opportunity for partners to “Get a Vote” in obsolescence
- IESP partners are priority for parts funding
- Examples of potential projects:
  - New avionics architecture/cockpit to implement MOSA
  - Cruise Guide Indicator
  - Emergency Standby Instrument System





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# Closing Comments & Questions



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# QUESTIONS