



## **MSA Acquires U.S. Military Gas Mask Contract**

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PITTSBURGH, July 7 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- MSA (Amex: MSA), the world's leading manufacturer of safety equipment, today announced it has successfully negotiated a multiple-year contract to supply U.S. Air Force and Navy personnel with the MCU-2/P chemical/biological gas mask.

MSA is being awarded a \$42,017,698 indefinite delivery/indefinite quantity contract to provide for chemical/biological gas mask kits in support of Navy and Air Force personnel. At this time, \$8,395,960 of the funds have been obligated. MSA reports that this work will be complete by October of 2005. Solicitation began in March of 2004 and negotiations were completed in June of 2004.

MSA has been designing and manufacturing gas masks for the U.S. Military since World War I, when they started with a basic mask that filtered out toxic gases and carbon monoxide. William M. Lambert, President, MSA North America, stated "MSA is proud to continue its tradition of providing protection to America's sons and daughters who stand, every day, in harms way."

Established in 1914, MSA is a global leader in the development, manufacture and supply of sophisticated products that protect people's health and safety. The company has annual sales of nearly \$700 million, manufacturing operations throughout the United States and Europe and 28 international affiliates. Since the company's founding, MSA products for the military have been used in two world wars, as well as Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Afghanistan and Iraq. More information about MSA is available on the company's Web site at <http://www.msanet.com> .

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