

(Hartford, CT) – Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Congressmen John B. Larson (CT-01) and Joe Courtney (CT-02) today announced that Pratt & Whitney has secured a \$194 million contract from the U.S. Navy related to the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) engine. The funding will be used for the advance acquisition of long lead components, parts, and materials required for the delivery of 37 propulsion systems.

“At a time when every defense dollar counts, this award makes a powerful statement that Connecticut workers can get the job done on this fighter better than anyone, excelling in quality and cost,” **said Senator Blumenthal**. “We must be determined to continue battling for an air fighter vital to our national security. This major award shows a continuing commitment to the F-35 program and Connecticut’s dedicated and globally-competitive workforce.”

"This contract - and the commitment it represents to continue the F-35 program - is great news for our community and our entire country," **Congressman Larson said**. "This jet, powered by F135 engines made right here in East Hartford, will continue to employ the most highly-skilled aerospace workforce in the industry and ensure that the United States has the most formidable military in the world."

“This award demonstrates that the work being done in Connecticut for the JSF program is meeting and exceeding the Navy’s goals and criteria,” **said Congressman Courtney**. “At a time when every contractor must demonstrate its value, Pratt’s designation for this contract shows that the workforce is succeeding.”

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