

➤ High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS)

DESCRIPTION

The HIMARS is a C-130-transportable, wheeled, indirect-fire system capable of delivering all rockets and missiles in the current and future Multiple Launch Rocket System Family of Munitions (MFOM). The HIMARS launcher consists of a fire-control



system, a carrier (automotive platform), and a launcher-loader module that will perform all operations necessary to complete a fire mission. The system is defined as one launcher, two resupply vehicles, two trailers, and a basic load of 9 pods (six rockets per

pod) of MFOM rockets. Current plans are to field two battalions in the 14th Marines, each with 18 launchers.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

HIMARS addresses a critical warfighting deficiency in Marine Corps fire support. It provides responsive, all-weather, around-the-clock, ground-based general support/general support reinforcing/reinforcing (GS/GSR/R) indirect fires. HIMARS can accurately engage targets at long range with high volumes of lethal fire. The system will extend the range of support provided to Marines in combat from 30 to 60 kilometers.

PROGRAM STATUS

HIMARS is in integration and developmental testing (post-Milestone A). A battery-size interim capability is anticipated in FY 2005. Full rate production is to begin in FY 2006, with initial operational capability to be achieved in FY 2007. Full operation capability is expected in FY 2008.

PROCUREMENT PROFILE: FY03 FY04

Quantity:

Launchers	2	1
Guided MLRS M30	0	18

DEVELOPER/MANUFACTURER

Launcher & MFOM: Lockheed Martin Corporation, Missiles & Fire Control Division, Dallas, TX

Resupply System: Oshkosh Truck Corporation, Oshkosh, WI