**KRACEn Contract Award – Press Release**

San Diego, CA – 4/21/2020: Affordable Engineering Services, Inc. (AES) was selected as an awardee on the Kits, Recovery, Augmentation, Components and Engines (KRACEn) Multiple Award Contract (MAC) supporting the United States Navy.

Commander, Fleet Readiness Center (COMFRC) awarded a 10-year, $6.1 billion, enterprise contract vehicle to 42 small business industry partners on April 14, enabling U.S. Navy, government customers and international partners to procure aircraft maintenance services and sustainment support quicker.

The Kits, Recovery, Augmentation, Components and Engines—commonly called KRACEn—is an indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity (IDIQ) MAC that will provide maintenance services and support for single satellite sites, small aircraft quantities, personnel to augment government maintenance teams, and overhaul capabilities for aircraft components and subsystems. This is COMFRC’s first, multi-billion contract award.

The MAC’s scope of work, which is set aside for small-businesses, includes modification kit build and installations, recovery of downed aircraft, repair and overhaul of aircraft and components, repair and overhaul of engines, and augmentation labor supplement for maintenance both ashore and afloat.

“As one of 42 small business industry partners, Affordable Engineering Services, Inc. (AES) will help enable COMFRC to effectively use the KRACEn enterprise contract vehicle allowing the Navy meet its sustainment needs expeditiously while delivering improved outcomes,” COMFRC Executive Director Roy Harris said. “KRACEn is a crucial addition to our traditional organic capabilities, providing us with the means to tap into the expertise of small business industry partners.”

The nature of the work covered by KRACEn—simple platform, organizational-level Contractor Logistic Services (CLS) requirements involving few aircraft, elemental or off-aircraft tasks—is well-suited for small businesses, according to COMFRC Acquisition Group, CLS Division Lead Chris Giggey. The CLS Division, formally known as the Fast Acquisition Solutions to Enable Readiness (FASTER) team, was charted by Commander, Naval Air Systems Command in 2018 to improve acquisition speed and quality of services by developing expertise in CLS contracting.

“Affordable Engineering Services, Inc. (AES) is a premiere defense contractor delivering customer-focused, high-quality engineering & aviation maintenance services at affordable rates. AES has provided continuous mission critical support to the U.S. Government by assuring the highest levels of aviation fleet readiness.”, said Bob Simek, President of Affordable Engineering Services, Inc. (AES)

About Affordable Engineering Services, Inc. (AES) - Established in 1996 by Dan Kamdar (Chairman of the Board), to meet the ever-changing needs and requirements of our Department of Defense (DoD) customers and the United States warfighter.  Over the last 24-years, AES’s contract services have been focusing on military aircraft maintenance and repair support on the F/A-18, E-2C, C-2A, UH-1, AH-1W, H-60, H-53, EA-6B, F-35, AV-8, B-52, V-22, and other aircraft as a prime and subcontractor. AES has provided highly specialized Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to work on major engineering contracts over the years, performing design and development of military hardware and software systems. Please visit our website at [www.affordservices.com](http://www.affordservices.com)