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HC-144A Ocean Sentry Continues as the Coast Guards Primary Maritime Patrol Aircraft
Airbus Defense and Space, Inc. has delivered the 17th HC-144A Ocean Sentry maritime patrol aircraft to the U.S. Coast Guard. The Ocean Sentry is based on the Airbus CN235 tactical airlifter with more than 235 currently in operation by 29 countries. This is the second of three HC-144As planned for delivery this year. The latest aircraft will join a fleet of 16 Ocean Sentries operating from Coast Guard Air Stations in Cape Cod, Mass.; Mobile, Ala.; and Miami. The Coast Guard is planning to stand up the fourth HC-144A air station in Corpus Christi, Texas, later this year. Airbus Defense and Space is committed to supporting the U.S. Coast Guards HC-144A fleet. Over time, the aircraft has proven to be a cost effective and operationally indispensable maritime patrol asset. The Coast Guard competitively selected and is buying the HC-144A because it has proven to perform the broad range of demanding maritime patrol missions effectively and efficiently, including search and rescue, homeland security and disaster response. The Department of Homeland Security recently recognized the Coast Guards HC-144A program as its 2013 DHS Project of the Year. Airbus Defense and Space has worked to deliver the Coast Guard this capability consistently on schedule and on cost. The HC-144A achieved initial operational capability with the Coast Guard in 2008. Airbus Defense and Space, Inc. Airbus Defense and Space, Inc., headquartered in Herndon, Va., offers a broad array of advanced solutions to meet U.S. military and commercial requirements, including fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft, homeland security systems, public safety communications, defense electronics and avionics, and threat detection systems. Airbus Group contributes more than \$14 billion to the U.S. economy annually and supports over 225,000 American jobs through its network of suppliers. About Airbus Defence and Space
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