

## U.S. Government Order Totals 114,000 Enhanced Combat Helmets from 3M

\$80 million contract increased to \$107 million to protect Marines, Soldiers and Sailors

3M today announces it has received additional orders from U.S. government for its Enhanced Combat Helmet that provide military personnel with protection against head injury from ballistic threats and blunt impacts. 3M will deliver 35,000 helmets for the U.S. Army and 2,500 helmets for the U.S. Navy in addition to the 77,000 ordered for the U.S. Marine Corps last fall.

The new orders bring the total contract value for Enhanced Combat Helmets and associated spare parts to \$107 million. This contract for over 114,000 helmets is an outcome of the joint procurement program led by the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Army to improve head protection for Marines, Soldiers and Sailors.

The Enhanced Combat Helmet features technology designed and manufactured by Ceradyne, Inc., a 3M company. It is the only helmet that has passed the U.S. Marine Corps Enhanced Combat Helmet specification protocol. The helmet, which is equivalent in weight to current fielded helmets, provides over 35 percent improved ballistic fragmentation protection compared to others currently in use. This means additional protection from ballistic threats that has never before been possible in a military helmet.

The Enhanced Combat Helmet was named one of the 100 greatest innovations of the year in *Popular Science's* 26<sup>th</sup> annual "Best of What's New" issue published in December 2013. It appeared in the security category. 3M also makes combat hearing and respiratory protection, body armor and communications systems for the U.S. Armed Forces.

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