



# Trade Facts

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## ***BAE Systems and EADS Major Defense and Space Contractors in the EU and the United States***

- The EU says launch aid is justified to offset defense and space contracts to Boeing.
- Actually, Airbus and its parent companies BAE Systems and EADS are comparable to Boeing in defense and space.
- In 2003, EADS, BAE Systems and Airbus had combined defense revenues of \$23.8 billion, compared with \$23.7 billion for Boeing.

### **BAE Systems**

- **BAE Systems** is the top defense contractor in the United Kingdom and a top-ten supplier to the U.S. Department of Defense.
- It manufactures military aircraft, surface ships, submarines, fighting vehicles, radar, avionics, communications, electronics, and guided weapons.
- It has a leading role in the Eurofighter and Joint Strike Fighter military aircraft programs.
- It is the prime contractor for the U.K. Navy's Type 45 destroyers and the Astute class nuclear-powered attack submarine.
- It has an active business in space launch, satellites, and other space systems.

### **EADS**

- **EADS** is the top defense contractor in Europe and has the number two order-book worldwide.
- It manufactures military aircraft, defense and communications systems, avionics and electronic warfare products, missiles, and defense and security service products.
- It has a leading role in the Eurofighter military aircraft program.
- It has the majority role on the Airbus A400M large military transport aircraft program.
- It owns Eurocopter, the "world's leading exporter of civil helicopters."
- It has an active business in commercial and military satellites, Ariane launchers, military telecommunications and navigation equipment, and other space systems.
- It is a major participant in the Galileo program, the EU response to the U.S. Global Positioning System ("GPS").
- EADS is planning to open an aerial refueling tanker manufacturing facility in the United States to compete for contracts from the U.S. Department of Defense.