



Birdon and the US Army Announce the Completion and Celebration of the 100th Bridge Erection Boat for the US Army

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DENVER, CO, UNITED STATES, December 6, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Birdon is proud to announce the completion of the 100th Bridge Erection Boat ([BEB](#)). The Birdon family, US Army personnel, key suppliers, and special guests are celebrating the completion of the 100th BEB on Monday the 10th of December at 11:30 a.m. at Birdon headquarters in Denver, Colorado.

Denver City Councilman Christopher J Herndon, Steven Rienstra, US Army Product Manager, and Jamie Bruce, CEO of Birdon, will all be speaking at the event. Other special guests include representatives from Senator Bennet's Office, Senator Gardner's Office, the Denver Office of Economic Development, the Australian Embassy and US Government agencies including MSCOE, TACOM, and DCMA.

Birdon and NAMJet began production of the first BEB and propulsion systems for the US Army in the summer of 2014 in their new factory in northeast Denver. The first boat was delivered to the Army for testing in the spring of 2015. Since then, the Birdon family has grown from 10 employees to over 100 employees who complete on average 3 boats and 10 waterjet propulsion systems per month. In November, the US Army awarded Birdon an additional contract that will double production in 2019 and 2020.

In its primary mission mode, the BEB provides propulsion, thrust, and stabilization to support worldwide tactical float bridging and rafting operations. It is specifically designed to provide high thrust and operate in high particulate matter environments including silt in fresh, brackish and saltwater. All functions of the BEB are performed by no more than a two-person crew. The unique and flexible design of the BEB means it can integrate with most customer specific transport systems.

Due to Birdon's successful performance on this contract, they are starting to receive inquiries for BEBs both domestically and internationally. Earlier this year, Birdon demonstrated a BEB for the US Marine Corp at Camp Lejeune, NC in April of 2018 and are now working to develop the requirements to eventually replace their aging fleet of over 120 BEBs. Birdon also signed a marketing agreement with General Dynamics European Land Systems (GDELS) earlier this year that will allow GDELS to market the Birdon BEB as part of their overall bridging system solution to countries around the world. As a result, delegations from the Canadian Defense Force have visited on multiple occasions and Birdon is responding to inquiries from Sweden, Poland, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, South Korea, and Brazil.

Denver's innovation and manufacturing sector is growing and the release of the 100th BEB to the US Army is just one indication of how Denver is making a mark on the national landscape.

About Birdon

Birdon has a long-standing reputation for producing high-quality marine engineering, manufacturing and maintenance support services for a diverse range of defense and

commercial solutions around the world.

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