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SEA TBM700 USDA Installation

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Southeast Aerospace successfully completed a major installation for EADS Socata Aircraft of Pembroke Pines, FL in a 2000 TBM 700.

The aircraft was part of pending government contract that Socata had bid for the USDA Forest Service. The aircraft will be operated as a guide aircraft in forestry firefighting efforts in the Northwest USA.

The Bendix/King Silver Crown KX-165 units were retrofitted with the GNS-430 GPS/Nav/Comms. Dual Technisonic TFM-138 FM Radios were also installed per the USDA requirement. In order to accommodate the four communications radios now installed in the aircraft, the PMA7000 audio panel was retrofitted to the NAT AMS44.

Another part of the contract required that a Solid State CVR be installed. The Honeywell AR30 Advanced Recorder was chosen due to its compact design and ease of installation.