



## **Metrea and Team Partner with SMX to Support U.S. Africa Command ARIES Task Order**

**Washington, DC:** November 9, 2022 – Metrea is excited to announce that the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has awarded the task order titled “AFRICOM Reconnaissance Exploitation Services (ARIES)” to SMX and teaming partners including Metrea Special Aerospace. ARIES will provide Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) services in support of U.S. objectives in Africa.

Metrea Special Aerospace (MSA), a business unit of Metrea, will continue to provide reliable, innovative, and cost-effective manned airborne ISR with a proposed fleet of aircraft, including MSA’s proprietary turbo prop SWIFT EYE and business jet SWIFT EDGE platforms. MSA has provided airborne ISR solutions to USAFRICOM for over a decade.

“This award is a validation of our focus on using commercial technology and business models to deliver effects-as-a-service for our partners in national security,” said Jay Bradley, President of Metrea Special Aerospace. “As a part of the SMX team, we look forward to continuing to support our partners at USAFRICOM by providing innovative, reliable, and cost-effective ISR services.”

With over a decade of operations in support of U.S. and partner nations and over 130,000 incident-free flight hours, Metrea is a leader in commercial ISR with its unique business model yielding constantly evolving capabilities. Metrea’s integrated solutions are the product of a deep stack of airborne ISR capabilities including design, engineering, training, aircraft and sensor operations, as well as mission applications solutions offered to customers in either integrated packages or as standalone services.

### **About Metrea**

Metrea is an information-age defense company dedicated to providing solutions to the toughest problems in national security, leveraging commercial business models to unleash innovation cycles that anticipate emerging threats. Metrea offers a full range of turnkey solutions, across domains and missions including manned airborne ISR, aerial refueling, space-based ISR, advanced rotary wing training, EW and comms, electromagnetic spectrum operations & training, datalink management & training, and advanced live and synthetic military training.

### **About SMX**



SMX, an OceanSound Partners company, is a leader in next-generation cloud, C5ISR, and advanced engineering and IT solutions operating in close proximity to clients across the U.S. and around the globe. SMX delivers scalable and secure solutions combined with the mission expertise needed to accelerate outcomes for the Department of Defense, Intelligence Community, Public Sector, Fortune 1000 and other public and private sector clients. For more information, please visit <https://www.smxtech.com>

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