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US Army GVSC to Upgrade Two Test Cells

Twinsburg, Ohio, August 20, 2020: Mustang Advanced Engineering (MAE) announced that the company has received a contract from the US Army Ground Vehicle System Center (GVSC) to upgrade two (2) test cells with complete 236 channel operational data acquisition and control systems for existing dynamometer test cells. The contract also provides GVSC the option to purchase two (2) additional upgrades within the next three (3) years including a 468 channel system. MAE recently installed two (2) engine dynamometer test cells at GVSC using the same data acquisition and control system architecture.

MAE will perform the test cell upgrade implementations using National Instruments (NI) PXI hardware running NI VeriStand (VS) as the test cells' controller. This configuration-based architecture provides out of the box functionality that will rapidly allow users to make changes to the test systems.

All data channels will be implemented using built in configurations for PXI chassis cards. This allows for scaling, calibration, alarming, and event-based monitoring using built in software features. The hardware read and write operations are conducted on the real time controller processor. Closed loop control that needs to be implemented on the controller will be done using the NI INERTIA add-on. This allows for high-speed closed loop control of temperature, speed, and flow processes as needed for test cell support.

All features will be configured on the Host PC and deployed over an Ethernet connection to the real-time (RT) controller. Once operating on the RT controller, they will run deterministically and push data to the host PC for storage. The controller will use an Ethernet connection to the host PC for HMI communication of command and display requests. This HMI will be able to be changed dynamically even when the RT controller is running.

"MAE has successfully installed two engine dynamometer test cells at GVSC in test cells 1 & 8 which have been performing flawlessly. These awarded upgrades for test cell 6 & 3 provide the Government significant advantages by utilizing the proven MAE solution with commonality in software and hardware architecture in test cells 1, 8, 6, and 3 as well as in any future awards for test cells 2 and 9.", said Eser Manav, V.P. Operations.

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About MAE

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