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The President of Top Aces Consulting, Didier Toussaint, poses in front of the Alpha jet at 3 Wing Bagotville.

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3 WING BAGOTVILLE – The enemy has landed. Well, sort of. Two high-performance training jets arrived in Bagotville before Christmas ready to start “fighting” against crews stationed here.

The European Alpha jet, type E, was brought to 3 Wing by Top Aces, a training and consulting firm run by former CF fighter pilots. The Quebec company signed three standing offers with DND last March to provide a number of airborne training services including simulating hostile aircraft, towing targets, testing radar and communications performance, as well as providing airborne support for air defence.

At the time the contract was announced, Chief of the Defence Staff, General Rick Hillier, said, “effective and realistic training is critical to maintaining the preparedness of a modern military force. These agreements will enable the Canadian Forces to draw on a host of airborne training services to ensure we are able to meet the demands of today’s challenging security environment.”

A standing offer is an arrangement that allows the department to deal with suppliers under set prices and conditions. A contract will exist with the supplier only when the Department orders services from the standing offer agreement

Top Aces Consulting Inc. was deemed the winning bidder after a thorough evaluation of all bids.