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NEWS RELEASE

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### **AirBoss Announces Contract Award For the Joint General Service Respirator (JGSR) for Canadian Department of National Defense.**

NEWMARKET, Ontario - AirBoss of America Corp. (TSX: BOS) announced today that AirBoss Defense, the defense products line of its Engineered Products segment, has been awarded the Joint Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear General Service Respirator (J CBRN GSR) contract for the Canadian Department of National Defense (DND). AirBoss Defense will deliver critical capability in the area of Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense (CBRN) to the DND by supplying up to 77,800 of its recently-commercialized Low Burden Mask (LBM) and up to 155,600 of its newly developed canister. The contract is expected to be worth up to an aggregate amount of C\$29.8 Million plus any potential revenue from an 8-year in-service support contract. Deliveries under the contract are expected to commence in 2019 and continue through 2020.

The intention of the J CBRN GSR project was to replace the C4 CBRN gas masks and C7A canisters now in service with the Canadian Forces (CF) with new CBRN respirators and canisters. The project objective is to procure sufficient respirators to equip Air, Land, and Maritime Forces, including specialized units, to support Standing and Mission Specific Task Forces; Immediate Reaction Units; and High Readiness Units.

This award represents the first major adoption by a modern military of AirBoss Defense's state-of-the-art LBM. The LBM was designed and developed to be the world's most advanced gas mask with a state-of-the-art lens, optical viewing area, improved fit, and reduced breathing resistance. The LBM has seen strong adoption since its introduction by AirBoss Defense.

AirBoss Defense is a world leader in the design, development, and manufacture of CBRN personal protective equipment, as well as protection against communicable diseases and respiratory threats, for the individual, First Responder, Medical, Military, Law Enforcement, Fire and Industrial communities. For more than 40 years, AirBoss Defense has supplied military and first-response forces worldwide with hand wear, footwear, and respiratory protection from CBRN agents and extreme cold weather.

AirBoss of America Corp. is a group of complementary businesses using compounding technology and engineering expertise to create value for its customers. With a capacity to process approximately 400 million turn pounds of rubber annually, AirBoss Rubber Solutions is one of North America's largest custom rubber compounding companies and a leading supplier of essential calendered and extruded products for a broad range of applications. AirBoss Engineered Products is a world leader in the supply of life saving products for the military and a leading supplier of innovative anti-vibration solutions to the North American automotive market. The Company's shares trade on the TSX under the symbol BOS. Visit [www.airbossofamerica.com](http://www.airbossofamerica.com).

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