The C-27J is being integrated into the Coast Guard's medium range surveillance aircraft fleet, alongside the HC-144A Ocean Sentry. The aircraft will be instrumental in helping the Coast Guard fulfill its maritime patrol, drug and migrant interdiction, disaster response, and search and rescue missions more effectively. The C-27J also will address the gap in maritime flight hours the service is currently facing.

The Coast Guard is regenerating and missionizing 14 C-27J's received under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014. Envisioned modifications will enhance the aircraft's current capability to detect, classify and identify maritime targets.

The C-27J Asset Project Office at Elizabeth City, North Carolina, is supporting the acquisition and missionization of the C-27J aircraft. The APO's missions include development of Coast Guard specific crew duties, procedures, technical manuals, curricula and test and evaluation reporting. Two aircraft went through the regeneration process and were delivered to the APO in 2014, with a third delivery expected this spring.

For updates on the C-27J, visit the program's website at http://www.uscg.mil/acquisition/mrs/