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[Mitsubishi Electric to Supply PLS Components for Orbital Sciences Corporation for NASA International Space Station Re-supply Programs](#)

Mitsubishi Electric announced today it has agreed with Orbital Sciences Corporation (Orbital) to supply Proximity Link System (PLS) components that will guide Orbital's Cygnus Spacecraft to the International Space Station (ISS) on nine re-supply missions for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

The PLS components were originally developed for the H-II Transfer Vehicle (HTV) program by Mitsubishi Electric under contract with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA). Mitsubishi Electric will deliver the PLS components to Orbital between 2010 and 2014 in a deal valued at approximately 66 million U.S. dollars (6 billion yen), making it one of the largest contracts tying a Japanese company to NASA's space exploration program.

Since the establishment of the National Space Development Agency of Japan (NASDA) in 1969, Mitsubishi Electric has been a leading manufacturer contributing to Japanese space research and development, participating as the main contractor for nearly half of NASDA's domestic satellite development projects. The company has also been involved in more than 330 domestic and overseas satellite projects.