

MISSION-CRITICAL EQUIPMENT

THE CHALLENGE

One of ICAT's clients, a large defense prime contractor, referred one of their subcontractors to ICAT to manage, oversee, and transport sensitive and oversized defense aerospace equipment from the EU to the U.S. As part of a new \$900 million Air Force contract, this project had to have high visibility with the client kept in the loop throughout the entire process.

With the ongoing capacity issues though—and a tight timeframe that needed to be met—the ICAT team had to work quickly to secure a large enough aircraft to move this extremely sensitive equipment, weighing over 100,000 lbs., by the upcoming deadline.

THE SOLUTION

The ICAT team chartered the Antonov AN-124—one of the largest aircraft in the world—and completed all necessary documentation for the client, including a Dangerous Goods Declaration with full HAZMAT prep and handling, and All-Risk Cargo Insurance with \$50M+ in total value.

After COVID testing was performed 48 hours prior to the flight departing on all parties flying with the freight, and negative results were received, the equipment was picked up from a secure military base in the EU and transported to the airport utilizing specialized heavy haul equipment. ICAT ensured there were escorts who rode with the secure cargo and the necessary personnel was at the airport ready to load the equipment onto the aircraft. The ICAT team pre-cleared the cargo with Customs at both the origin and destination airports to avoid any delays, confirming this was completed prior to the aircraft landing in the United States.

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THE RESULTS

The equipment was carefully loaded onto the Antonov AN-124 on May 24 at the airport in the EU. When the aircraft landed in the U.S. on May 25, the ICAT experts involved with this project were on-site to oversee the off-loading and delivery of the cargo. After unloading, the freight was picked up by specialized heavy haul equipment and successfully delivered on schedule to its destination.

ICAT Logistics was able to provide a seamless experience by:

- Customizing a solution and identifying all the moving parts prior to picking up the freight;
- Working with their international agent in the EU to ensure the cargo was handled properly;
- Remaining in constant communication with the client by providing 24/7 in-transit visibility through up-to-the-minute milestone tracking reports and proactive touchpoints; and
- Assigning subject matter experts with in-depth knowledge in defense and aerospace.

