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Four Companies Vie For New Zealand Airlifter Business

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For the past couple of months, locals and visitors to Wellington, New Zealand, have been reminded of the country's pending purchase of new airlifters—formally called the Future Air Mobility Capability (FAMC) Project—by billboards in the city and at its airport. Touting Embraer's offering, they read "KC-390, The True First Responder." Embraer is among a quartet of manufacturers vying to replace New Zealand's aging fleet of five Lockheed C-130H ...



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lordchris

on Feb 6, 2018

For what they want, all four are great choices, but a split buy would seem the best option if they can afford two airframes. C-130J or A400M AND either C-2 or KC-390, that way they have payload and speed if needed, while retaining short field operations.

- C-130J & C-2
- C-130J & KC-390
- A400M & KC-390
- A400M & C-2

Will be interesting to see what they decide to go with.

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Since the number of aircraft to be purchased is very limited, the split buy would be, economically speaking, a total folly.

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MontanaOsprey

on Feb 7, 2018

The A400 is a fiasco and tarbaby. Stay away! You know the mighty Herc. The NY Air Nat'l Guard's been running Herc's to McMurdo successfully for decades! And, as noted, Australia's "on board", and RCAF familiarity.

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