

## Thales awarded multi-year contract for new generation US Passport eCovers

- The contract is scheduled to last up to 10 years and will provide the latest passport electronic cover (eCover) technology for U.S. passport holders.
- Thales, a global leader in digital security, has delivered more than 127 million passport eCovers since 2005.



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**Thales, the world's leading supplier of ePassport solutions for more than 40 national programs worldwide, was recently awarded a new U.S. passport eCover contract with the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) for up to the next 10 years.**

Since 2005, Thales has delivered over 127 million eCovers and collaborated with GPO to provide secure technology and components for U.S. passport covers. GPO manufactures the U.S. passport—including many of its components—for the Department of State, who then personalizes the book for American travelers, Government officials, and diplomats.

Incorporating electronic security technology into highly-durable passport cover materials gives another degree of security, as the electronically stored data is safeguarded from alteration or forgery. Thales eCovers maximizes and integrates all the attributes required in an ePassport, highest security, durability and aesthetics.

*"Providing citizens, businesses and governments with stronger identity document security is a key mission at Thales," said **Tony Lo Brutto, Executive Vice President for Thales Identity and Biometric Solutions in North America.** "As the global leader in digital security with the most*

*extensive long-term experience for e-covers worldwide, Thales continually offers the most sophisticated solutions for safeguarding personal identities for travel documents.”*

## About Thales

Thales Thales (Euronext Paris: HO) is a global leader in advanced technologies within three domains: Defense & Security, Aeronautics & Space, and Digital identity & Security. It develops products and solutions that help make the world safer, greener and more inclusive. The Group invests close to €4 billion a year in Research & Development, particularly in key areas such as quantum technologies, Edge computing, 6G and cybersecurity. Thales has 77,000(a) employees in 68 countries. In 2022, the Group generated sales of €17.6 billion.

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(a) These figures do not include the Transport business, which is currently being divested.

## About Thales in the USA

In the United States, Thales has conducted significant research and development, manufacturing, and service capabilities for more than 100 years. Today, Thales is present in 22 states, operating 46 different facilities and employing nearly 4,000 people. Working closely with U.S. customers and local partners, Thales is able to meet the most complex requirements for every operating environment.

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