

Elsight's Platform Granted US Blue List Status - Approved for Faster U.S. Military Procurement

Key Highlights:

- Elsight's Halo is included on the DCMA Blue List, a trusted U.S. defense procurement framework. The DCMA Blue List creates a centralized, rapid acquisition marketplace.
- Clearance confirms that Halo meets the DoW's (Department of War) rigorous standards for operational reliability, enabling broader adoption in military units.
- U.S. military units can now procure Halo directly through the DCMA acquisition marketplace, bypassing traditional, lengthy and cumbersome government acquisition cycles.
- U.S. defence drone procurement is scaling at an unprecedented pace. Elsight is strategically positioned to capitalise on the largest-ever U.S. defence drone procurement cycle.
- The Blue List inclusion is expected to increase adoption and deployment velocity in U.S. military and allied UAS programs.

Elsight Limited (ASX: ELS) ("Elsight" or "the Company"), a leading provider of carrier-agnostic connectivity solutions, is pleased to announce that its Halo connectivity platform has been included in the U.S. Department of War's Defense Contract Management Agency (**DCMA**) **Blue List**, a directory of approved, National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)-compliant unmanned aircraft systems and components. Managed by the DCMA under its US-X program, the Blue List provides a centralized marketplace for rapid procurement of vetted technologies that meet stringent operational, cybersecurity, data integrity, and supply chain requirements.

Strategic Validation of Halo's Technology at a Defining Moment

Inclusion on the Blue List positions Halo as a leading connectivity solution for defense drone programs that require the highest operational reliability, reinforcing the delivery of continuous, secure connectivity in demanding conditions. This validation arrives as the U.S. defence drone sector enters its largest-ever procurement cycle, with the FY2027 budget request allocating approximately **US\$75 billion (A\$105 billion)** to drone and counter-drone capabilities, ensuring Halo is approved and accessible precisely when demand is accelerating.

The DCMA Blue List

The DCMA Blue List builds on the earlier Blue UAS Cleared List framework developed by the Defense Innovation Unit (DIU). This program aims to create a trusted pipeline of compliant unmanned systems and components that accelerates fielding across military units.

The Blue List is designed to reduce acquisition friction, compress contracting timelines, and ensure that war fighters gain rapid access to trusted and compliant technology by identifying UxS platforms and components that meet the DoW's stringent standards for battlefield reliability, and the NDAA restricts foreign-made components, particularly from China. Importantly, Halo's addition to the Blue List, highlights Elsight's unique authorization, amongst select vendors.

Yoav Amitai, Elsight CEO, commented: “Halo’s inclusion on the Blue List arrives at a moment when U.S. defence drone procurement is scaling at an unprecedented pace. With approximately **US\$75 billion (A\$105 billion)** proposed for drone and counter-drone capabilities in FY2027 alone, the pathway from Blue List approval to operational deployment has never been shorter or more clearly defined. This milestone validates Halo as a trusted backbone for the next generation of U.S. defence programs.”.

Strategic Importance and Market Opportunity

Halo’s inclusion on the Blue List comes at a pivotal moment for the U.S. defence drone sector.

On 21 April 2026, the U.S. Administration released its FY2027 Department of War budget request totalling approximately **US\$1.5 trillion**, a **42%** increase over current levels and the largest proposed defence budget in over a generation. Within that request, approximately **US\$75 billion** is earmarked for drone and counter-drone capabilities, representing a tripling of spending relative to FY2026 levels. The single largest year-over-year increase in the request is an approximately **US\$54.6 billion** allocation for the Defense Autonomous Warfare Group (DAWG), a consolidated funding mechanism for autonomous systems procurement operating under U.S. Special Operations Command, up from **US\$225.9 million** in FY2026.¹

The Blue List is a critical enabler of this procurement scale-up. As the DoW’s authoritative directory of NDAA-compliant systems and components approved for rapid acquisition, the Blue List reduces procurement friction and compresses contracting timelines, allowing military units to deploy trusted technology without navigating traditional, multi-year acquisition cycles. With Chinese-manufactured platforms and components excluded under NDAA requirements, demand is concentrated among Blue List-approved providers.²

Separately, the Pentagon has publicly stated a target of procuring **over 200,000 autonomous systems** by 2027 under its broader Drone Dominance agenda, reflecting a step-change in the scale and pace at which uncrewed platforms are being integrated across all branches of the U.S. armed services.³

Against this backdrop, Halo’s Blue List designation positions Elsight to participate directly in what is expected to be a sustained, multi-year acceleration in U.S. defence drone procurement.

As programs expand from pilot phases to fleet-level deployments, the requirement for secure, resilient, and scalable connectivity, Halo’s core capability, is expected to grow in proportion.

With this inclusion, Elsight expects to see increased demand and accelerated deployment velocity for Halo-equipped systems across U.S. armed services and allied defence partners.

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¹ U.S. Department of War, FY2027 Budget Request briefing, 21 April 2026.

² Blue UAS Cleared List managed by the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) under its US-X program. Chinese-manufactured platforms are prohibited under the American Security Drone Act and NDAA provisions.

³ U.S. Department of War, Drone Dominance Initiative.

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About Elsight (ASX:ELS)

Elsight's (www.elsight.com) flagship product, the Halo, uses multi-link bonding to provide the most robust connectivity for drones and other unmanned systems. By adding cellular communications aggregated with satellite and RF communications, the Halo is 99.99% reliable and cyber secured. With options for less than a 100-gram card or a boxed ground version, the Halo provides continuous connectivity even in the most challenging areas for stationary, portable, or actively mobile situational requirements. Elsight's products serve many vertical markets leveraging UAV and UAS technologies including the military, HLS, public safety, delivery, medical, oil and gas, utilities, inspections, surveillance and others. Elsight was founded in 2009.

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