# Lockheed Martin Employees Honored With Black Engineer Awards

Two Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company engineers received the 2001 Black Engineer of the Year Award on Feb. 10 during a ceremony in Baltimore, Md., following the 15th annual Black Engineer of the Year Awards Conference. Dr. Anthony Thornton, senior manager of strategy deployment, received the Black Engineer National Achievement Award in the Professional Achievement category, and Andre Thornton, operations engineer, received a Special Recognition Award.

Anthony Thornton has assumed increasingly responsible and demanding positions in his 20 years of professional experience. Before his current role of senior manager for Strategy Deployment at LM Aero, Dr. Thornton was the senior research and development engineer for LM Aero - Palmdale and the director for the Diversity Leadership and Education Outreach Center for Sandia National Laboratories. He earned his doctorate in 1992 from the School of Aeronautics and Astronautics at Purdue University. He received a master's in aerospace and mechanical engineering from Stanford University in 1980 and a bachelor's in aerospace engineering sciences from the University of Colorado in 1978.

Andre Thornton has shown proven and effective leadership skills as an engineer and has been selected for a division-level director succession plan. He began as an operations engineer on the F-22 program, and he is currently the project lead for a digital manufacturing technology initiative. He has been with LM Aero for two years. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Virginia Military Institute in 1998. Andre Thornton is currently working on a master's in business administration with a concentration on information systems from Georgia State University.

LM Aero also had a third nominee for the award. Bryant McKee, quality engineering specialist senior, was nominated for the Outstanding Technical Contribution category. He is a leading expert in development, implementation and management of state-of-the-art measurement technology critical to ensuring the stealth capabilities of the F-22 fighter. McKee received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Tennessee State University in 1985. He is currently working toward his master's degree in quality engineering.

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