Lockheed Martin Supports TSA's Successful Deployment Of Screeners To Nation's Airports

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Lockheed Martin has successfully supported the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) deployment of more than 44,000 federal screeners to the nation's airports.

TSA announced today that it achieved the November 19th Congressionally mandated deadline for deployment of federal screeners to all commercial airports, as required by the Aviation and Transportation Security Act. Under two contracts awarded by TSA, Lockheed Martin worked closely with the agency to train and provide logistics support to new federal screeners.

"With today's completion of the federal screener deployment, the government has significantly strengthened airline passenger security across the nation," said Robert Stevens, president and COO, Lockheed Martin. "Lockheed Martin is pleased to have had the opportunity to work with the Transportation Security Administration to meet this important milestone ahead of schedule and to help deploy the screeners for one of the most important jobs in homeland security."

Under one contract, Lockheed Martin delivered 44 hours of classroom instruction, practical labs and computer-based training to the screeners, working closely with TSA to produce a curriculum focusing on efficient customer service while protecting the flying public. The company also designed and delivered the explosive trace detection system simulators used for the screener training. Lockheed Martin has trained more than 44,000 screeners, exceeding the original target of 30,000 trained screeners by November 19.

Under the second contract, Lockheed Martin provided logistics and orientation support for the transition of airport screening to federal oversight. Meeting every screener deployment often with just a few days notice, Lockheed Martin set up an operations center at each federalized airport to provide 24x7 screener support, orientation, distribution of uniforms and transportation. The company was responsible for scheduling the work force and tracking the required 60 hours of on the job training for newly hired screeners. Lockheed Martin also coordinated all the travel arrangements for the mobile screening force, a 2,000-member team responsible for training and supervising permanent screeners as part of the nationwide rollout.

Also under the second contract, Lockheed Martin is continuing its efforts to reconfigure passenger security checkpoints in the nation's airports. All airports have been surveyed to identify needed improvements, and over 85 percent of airports will have reconfigured security checkpoints by mid- December.

As the leading technology solutions provider and integrator to the U.S. government, Lockheed Martin focuses on the defense, information technology and homeland security requirements of the military services and civil agencies. The Corporation's advanced technology solutions draw on world-class capabilities in systems engineering and integration, complex project management, software development and information technology. These align with emerging homeland security requirements for enhanced command and control, threat information alert and exchange, border control, critical infrastructure protection and emergency management and incident response. The Corporation is headquartered in Bethesda, Md.

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