

Lockheed Martin Recommended For AS9100 Certification

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Lockheed Martin today announced that Lockheed Martin Space Operations' (LMSO) Cargo Mission Contract (CMC) has received recommendation for AS9100 certification from Det Norske Veritas, or DNV, an accredited, independent foundation with the objective of safeguarding life, property, and the environment and a leading international provider of risk management services.

CMC provides planning, preparation and integration of cargo transported to and from the International Space Station via the Shuttle and Russian Soyuz and Progress vehicles. CMC also provides Space Shuttle stowage integration services and pre-packed cargo processing for NASA.

AS9100 is the aerospace industry's quality system standard for quality assurance in design, development, production, installation, and servicing. Aligning many of the existing Aerospace Quality System requirements, AS9100 is the first global aerospace standard available for use across the global aerospace community that meets the requirements of aerospace companies worldwide. AS9100 supplements ISO 9001, the international Quality Management System standard, as it addresses additional expectations of the aerospace industry.

"This recommendation demonstrates the value of our contributions and services," said Celia Lang, CMC Program Manager. "AS9100 certification strengthens our competitive position and validates our efforts to standardize quality processes."

"We are committed to continual improvement," said Ken Reightler, President of LMSO. "This recognition of LMSO's dedicated performance and quality management is truly rewarding."

Lockheed Martin Space Operations (LMSO), a business unit of Lockheed Martin Corporation, specializes in the design, development, and application of customized, advanced technology solutions and space-related support services to government and industry. LMSO's cutting-edge systems are reliable, innovative, cost-effective, and critical to space operations, space exploration, and national security. Expertise and experience enable LMSO to consistently deliver world-class products and services while meeting challenging schedule and budget requirements. The LMSO team includes leading experts in the fields of Engineering, Science, Operations, Project Management, Systems Integration, and Information Technology. LMSO adopts the customer's mission as its own, and is dedicated to mission success through outstanding performance.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin employs about 130,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, and integration of advanced technology systems, products, and services. The corporation reported 2004 sales of \$35.5 billion.

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