Lockheed Martin Delivers Secure Border Initiative Proposal

Lockheed Martin delivered a proposal today to bid on the Secure Border Initiative program (SBInet). The proposal addresses the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) request for a comprehensive multi-year plan that will enhance the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) ability to secure America's borders and reduce illegal immigration.

Lockheed Martin's proposal offers DHS a systems engineering discipline and management approach that addresses the needs of its staff, technology and infrastructure, and provides a process roll-out that can accommodate the more than 11,000 Border Patrol agents, and their growing ranks. The proposal recommends using Customs and Border Patrol's existing systems augmented with new and upgraded capabilities that will provide interoperability with their state and local partner police agencies.

"Lockheed Martin and its teammates bring a wealth of experience deploying mission critical systems for our nation," said Jay Dragone, vice president, Homeland Security Programs. "Our SBInet solution will provide the CBP with enhanced and streamlined capabilities to reduce the number of illegal border crossings into the United States. Our focus is to provide practical and reliable capability that will increase frontline personnel mission effectiveness and also help increase their personal safety and the safety of the border community."

SBInet is a six-year, multi-billion dollar program. The Department of Homeland Security is expected to award the contract in September 2006.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin employs about 135,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services. The corporation reported 2005 sales of $37.2 billion.

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