Lockheed Martin Technology Collaboration Center Hosts Small Business Innovators

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Nine small, advanced technology businesses were able to share their innovative technologies directly with the U.S. Department of Defense today at Lockheed Martin 's Technology Collaboration Center.

As part of the latest Lockheed Martin & Small Business Innovation Technology Day, the nine businesses, from California, Colorado, Georgia, Michigan, New Jersey and Virginia, visited the company's unique demonstration facility in Washington, DC. The Technology Collaboration Center is equipped with the same software and hardware used in Navy and Coast Guard shipboard combat systems, such as the Navy's Aegis Weapon System, Littoral Combat Ship and DDG-1000, and the Coast Guard's National Security Cutter. Through Lockheed Martin's success in moving these systems to Open Architecture, newly developed and evolving technologies can be inserted and tested directly with these combat system components at the Center.

"In the simplest terms, the Technology Collaboration Center is an open door for innovation," said Orlando Carvalho, vice president and general manager of Lockheed Martin's Surface-Sea-Based Missile Defense line of business. "It is our 'greeting area' for businesses, science and technology agencies and academia which have technologies that will advance ongoing or planned development. Beyond the technical setup, the Center supports mentorship of third party developers and costeffective capability validation."

In conjunction with Lockheed Martin, the participating small businesses are working on Defense Department-funded programs under the Small Business Innovation Research program. They represent needed next-generation technologies in the maritime environment, including surface ship registration and navigation; image processing; vector signal and image processing; virtual system integration; and intelligent surface threat identification. Lockheed Martin invited the businesses to participate based on ongoing or expected programs and customer needs.

This Lockheed Martin & Small Business Innovation Technology Day event is the second of three planned for this year to identify and leverage the innovation and technologies of small businesses that are aligned with Lockheed Martin's products and customers.

Participating businesses in the Lockheed Martin & Small Business Innovation Technology Day:

CodeSourcery, Granite Bay, CA Colorado Engineering, Inc., Colorado Springs, CO Cybernet Systems, Ann Arbor, MI Management Communications and Control, Inc., Arlington, VA Propagation Research Associates, Marietta, GA Stottler Henke Associates, San Mateo, CA TREX Enterprise Corporation, San Diego, CA Utopia Compression, Los Angeles, CA WorldScape, Marlton, NJ

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