Five Lockheed Martin Facilities Honored With James S. Cogswell Award For Outstanding Industrial Security

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Five Lockheed Martin facilities were honored last week with James S. Cogswell Awards for outstanding achievement in Industrial Security. The five award-winning facilities, all part of Lockheed Martin's Missiles and Fire Control business unit, are located in Camden, AR; Chelmsford, MA; Dallas, TX; Ocala, FL; and Troy, AL.

The announcement of the Cogswell award winners was made at the annual seminar of ASIS International in San Diego, CA.

The Cogswell award is the highest recognition bestowed annually by the U.S. Defense Security Service (DSS) on a defense contractor. This year, only 29 facilities were selected to receive the award out of more than 11,000 eligible.

"What a tremendous honor it is for five of our facilities to be recognized by DSS with the Cogswell award," said James F. Berry, president of Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control. "It's an incredible testament to the hard work and commitment to industrial security our employees at these individual plants show on a daily basis."

The Cogswell award selection process is rigorous. A DSS Industrial Security Representative may only nominate facilities that have a minimum of two consecutive superior industrial security review ratings, and show a sustained degree of excellence and innovation in their overall security program management, implementation and oversight. In determining award winners, each facility's security program is measured against Defense Department regulations, the contractor's historical performance and the performance of other competing contractors.

"We are fully committed to excellence in Industrial Security," said Mark Lucas, director - Security Services for Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control. "That is evidenced by the fact that five of our plants have been honored with the Cogswell award. Ultimately, we realize that we're protecting the Soldier, and that's why it's critical we can never settle for anything less than perfection in our security program."

The Cogswell award, established in 1966, is named in honor of the late Air Force Col. James S. Cogswell, who was the first chief of the unified office of Industrial Security. He was responsible for developing the basic principles of the Industrial Security Program, which include an emphasis on the partnership between industry and the government to protect classified information, which ultimately helps ensure the safety and security of the U.S. warfighter.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin employs about 140,000 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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