Lockheed Martin Unit Receives Prestigious Cogswell Award For Industrial Security Excellence

DOD Honors Transportation and Security Solutions

Lockheed Martin Transportation and Security Solutions has been named by the Department of Defense as a 2007 recipient of the Defense Security Service's James S. Cogswell Outstanding Industrial Security Achievement Award.

Lockheed Martin is one of 30 companies out of nearly 12,000 cleared DOD contractors to receive the award this year. Named in honor of the late Air Force Col. James S. Cogswell, the first chief of the unified office of Industrial Security, the award is the most prestigious honor the Defense Security Service bestows, and less than one percent of cleared contractors are selected to receive this award annually.

"This is a tremendous achievement for our workforce and corporation," noted Lockheed Martin's Transportation and Security Solutions President Judy Marks. "Our business was selected the first year we were eligible. Our security personnel are to be commended for their stellar performance. Yet, it is everyone's consolidated, daily efforts and commitment to securing information vital to the defense of our nation that allows TSS to accept this award with tremendous pride."

Robin A. Smith, a Lockheed Martin facility security officer and the senior manager of Industrial Security for Lockheed Martin's Transportation and Security Solutions, along with Greg Karol, the business' vice president of Human Resources, will represent the company June 20 at an awards ceremony held during the National Classification Management Society's annual security seminar.

The Cogswell award selection process is rigorous. A Defense Security Service Industrial Representative may only nominate a facility that has a minimum of two consecutive superior review ratings, and demonstrates a sustained degree of excellence and innovation in 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. The criteria for the award focuses on the principles of industrial security excellence, which includes establishing and maintaining a security program that goes well beyond the basic National Industrial Security Program requirements as well as providing leadership to other cleared facilities to set high standards for security.

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 2006 sales of $39.6 billion.

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