Lockheed Martin Dedicates Milsatcom Center Of Excellence Facility

Specialized $3 Million Center Will Enhance Development Efforts for Department of Defense Programs

Lockheed Martin Information Systems & Global Services (IS&GS), a business unit of Lockheed Martin Corporation , dedicated a new facility designed to support military operations of the future. The new Milsatcom Center of Excellence represents a nearly $3 million, 20,000 square foot facility, housing a secure, state-of-the-art software development environment. The software development, integration and test laboratory, as well as the office space, have been designed for engineers and software developers to work collaboratively and securely.

"The capabilities developed in this facility will enable our military services around the globe to quickly turn information into actionable intelligence faster and more efficiently than ever before," said Joe Trench, President for Lockheed Martin Information Systems and Global Services Performance Excellence. "Our presence in Montgomery County will also allow us to expand our relationship with the local community as we continue to employ top talent from the area while ensuring the career growth of our technical professionals."

The new Rockville facility will consolidate Milsatcom ground segment activities for employees currently located at Lockheed Martin in Gaithersburg and at the former Comsat facility in Clarksburg. The company expects to hire up to 200 people.

"I am pleased to see Lockheed Martin thrive technologically both in our community and in the State of Maryland," said Rockville City Councilman Robert Dorsey. "The company has been a driving force for the economy and will continue to be for the foreseeable future. Also important to note, the Comsat building in Clarksburg was the first high-technology building in Montgomery County dating back to 1968. Lockheed Martin's move from Clarksburg to Rockville marks the end of the Comsat era where many of the innovations in satellite communication networks and operations took place. I expect future innovations to evolve at this new facility," he continued.

Military planners around the world will leverage the technology developed at the Milsatcom Center of Excellence to allocate and manage satellite communications resources among the global military services requiring protected, secure communications.

These critical programs will continue to be developed and delivered through the year 2020.

For nearly three decades, Lockheed Martin's business units have developed some of the world's most advanced, secure defense communications systems serving the U.S. and allies around the globe. From satellite communications to ground control systems, the company has been at the forefront of the satellite communications industry.

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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