Lockheed Martin C-130J Sustainment Program Wins Military Logistics Strategy Award

The Lockheed Martin C-130J Long Term Sustainment Program received top honors for Outstanding Achievement in Military Logistics Strategy from the Institute for Defense and Government Advancement (IDGA) at its annual conference in Adelphi, Md., last week.

"This award is another excellent example of Lockheed Martin's full commitment to support the needs of our customers," said Linda Allen, director of C-130 sustainment programs. "We are committed to ensure our products are enhanced through the mechanisms and efficiencies that performance-based logistics provides our customers."

The C-130J Long Term Sustainment Program was recognized as a leading, visionary effort for its strategic Performance Based Logistics (PBL) Public Private Partnership. This partnership has adopted and integrated the best government practices and industry processes for Sustaining Logistics, Engineering and Material Management.

The public-private partnership has resulted in positive improvements in Supply Chain Management, where customer wait time and Mission Impaired Capability Awaiting Parts (MICAP) hours have been decreased. Concurrent benefits are increasing stockage effectiveness and reducing total ownership costs, which achieves the original vision of the partnership.

The Department of Defense defines performance-based logistics as the preferred strategy for weapon system product support. It employs the purchase of support as an integrated, affordable performance package designed to optimize system readiness. The U.S. Air Force Materiel Command concept of PBL, as it relates to commodities, subsystems and components, focuses on the acquisition of supply chain performance rather than the acquisition of material.

The IDGA's Military Logistics Awards were established to honor top innovators in logistics technology supporting military operations. Judges included logistics experts representing DoD, active duty military, industry partners and academia. Award criteria for the Outstanding Achievement in Military Logistics Strategy include:

-- Demonstrated actions taken to change the future of the military's current legacy practices
-- Innovative vision for the next generation of military logistics professionals
-- Demonstrated ability to share vision with the military logistics community
-- Excellence in the application of military theory on multiple levels to improve the logistics supply chain

Lockheed Martin is a major supplier of logistics systems and services to military and civil government customers. The corporation provides solutions for platform maintenance, modifications and repair, material readiness and distribution, and global supply chain command and control.

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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