Lockheed Martin Unveils Fourth Operational JLTV Prototype At AUSA Winter Symposium

Lockheed Martin today unveiled its fourth operational Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) prototype, a second variant of its Infantry Carrier Category B model, at the Association of the United States Army Winter Symposium in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Since October 2007, the Lockheed Martin-led JLTV Team has introduced four prototypes: its original Infantry Carrier JLTV Category B model, which is designed for troop transportation and was unveiled in October 2007; the Utility Vehicle Light Category C model, which is designed with a focus on payload and was introduced in February 2008; the General Purpose Mobility Category A model, which is designed for logistical support and was unveiled in October 2008; and the second variant of the Infantry Carrier Category B model, which made its public debut today.

"We have designed, developed and extensively tested mature JLTV vehicles," said Lou DeSantis, vice president of JLTV Systems at Lockheed Martin. "We've received feedback from the customer and used it to improve our solution in areas such as ergonomics and survivability. Introducing the fourth operational prototype demonstrates our team's commitment to provide the warfighter with the lowest-risk, most technically innovative and affordable vehicle possible."

Currently all of the Lockheed Martin JLTV prototypes are in system test. To date, they have accumulated over 30,000 combined test miles, more than half of which have been conducted off-road to simulate mission conditions.

On October 29, 2008 the U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps awarded Lockheed Martin, along with two other companies, 27-month contracts to continue technology development on the JLTV program.

The Lockheed Martin-led JLTV Team includes:
-- BAE Systems, providing advanced armor solutions and production facilities for high volume assembly;
-- Alcoa Defense, supplying materials experience, design services and aluminum components that give the vehicle its structural strength at reduced weight; and
-- JWF - Defense Systems, offering state-of-the-art machining and cost-effective fabrication.

Lockheed Martin serves as the prime contractor and design agent, providing systems engineering, platform integration, design expertise, and program and supply chain management.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin is a global security company that employs about 146,000 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 2008 sales of $42.7 billion.

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