Lockheed Martin Team Wins Role On U.S. Navy Information Fusion Contract

Company to Develop Algorithms that Advance the 'State of the Possible'

Lockheed Martin is one of two companies selected by the U.S. Navy to compete for future information fusion task orders established by the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division. The indefinite-delivery-indefinite-quantity (IDIQ) contract entails research and development of information fusion -- the blending together of source information to produce situational awareness, threat assessment, and resource management.

Lockheed Martin's team will compete for an indefinite number of tasks which have a contract ceiling of up to $103.8M over a five-year time period.

"Our team continues to develop sophisticated algorithms that advance the 'state of the possible' in different fusion and tracking domains from sub-surface to space," said Jim Quinn, vice president of C4ISR Systems for Lockheed Martin's IS&GS-Defense. "We are proud to provide the U.S. Navy with capabilities that will continue to improve real-time situational awareness at every echelon"

Information fusion enables U.S. forces to fully exploit the vast amount of data received from a multitude of sources -- acoustic, infrared images, video, human intelligence, radio intercepts, maritime signals, and friend or foe technology -- at the same time. Advancing information fusion technology for the warfighter has been a major priority for Lockheed Martin. Using sophisticated data processing algorithms to improve data accuracy and remove ambiguity, Lockheed Martin has tackled some of the field's toughest problems including enabling tactical level multi-discipline intelligence sensors to "fuse" data from multiple sources and sensors into one complete, meaningful depiction of the actual threat.

Lockheed Martin's Team includes Overwatch Tactical Operations (an operating unit of Textron Systems) and SIM-Tech. Efforts to be performed include research and development, integration and testing activities. The customer is the U.S. Navy's Information Fusion Center established by the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division in China Lake, Calif. The contract runs through January 2014.

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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