Lockheed Martin Awarded Contracts To Continue Training For U.S. Air Force And Air National Guard F-16 Pilots

Lockheed Martin was awarded the Weapons System Support Contract (WSSC) by the U.S. Air Force's Air Education Training Command (AETC) and the Weapons Systems Simulator Training & Support Contract by the Air National Guard Bureau to provide pilot training for the F-16. The contracts for $13 million and $20 million, respectively, provide support services for multiple versions of the F-16 covering academic instruction and assessment, courseware development, simulator and training device instruction and training management support.

"Lockheed Martin has supported the U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard training program since 2002, training approximately 500 students a year," said Jim Weitzel, vice president of flight solutions for Lockheed Martin Simulation, Training & Support. "We will continue our commitment to deliver the best training available today and will work with our customers to reinvent how we prepare their students for challenges they may face tomorrow."

Lockheed Martin provides pilot training and support at Luke Air Force Base and Tucson Air National Guard Base in Arizona, Springfield Air National Guard Base, Ohio, and Lackland Air Force Base and Kelly Air Force Base Annex in Texas.

The F-16 Fighting Falcon is a compact, multi-role fighter aircraft. It is highly maneuverable and has proven itself in air-to-air combat and air-to-surface attack. It provides a relatively low-cost, high-performance weapon system for the U.S. Air Force, Air National Guard and many allied nations.

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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