# Lockheed Martin Unit Achieves CMMI(R) Maturity Level 5

*Rating Reflects Disciplined, Proven Processes for Developing Complex Systems*

A Lockheed Martin business unit has earned a top rating for the quality and maturity of its processes for developing and managing highly-complex technology systems. The company's Information Systems & Global Services - Intelligence product line achieved a Maturity Level 5 rating during its recent appraisal against the Capability Maturity Model(R) Integration for Development, or CMMI-DEV.

"Our customers rely on us to deliver highly advanced information technology systems that are both innovative and rock-solid reliable," said Mike Thomas, President of IS&GS-Intelligence. "Meeting that challenge starts with a mature and disciplined set of processes that help us manage all of the moving pieces in a major system development program. This rating demonstrates not only that we have the right processes in place, but also that we are continuously working to improve and innovate our processes to meet new and evolving challenges."

CMMI-DEV is a process improvement maturity model for the development of products and services. It consists of best practices that address development and maintenance activities that cover the product lifecycle from conception through delivery and maintenance. CMMI is managed by the Carnegie Mellon University's Software Engineering Institute, which is a federally funded research and development center sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense.

IS&GS-Intelligence designs and integrates the complex, global systems that help its customers gather, analyze and securely distribute critical intelligence data. The organization also provides highly skilled professionals who deliver a wide range of support to government agencies, from mission and analytical specialists to IT and operational support staff.

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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