

Lockheed Martin And Boeing To Partner On Kinetic Energy Interceptor

Lockheed Martin Corporation and the Boeing Company will partner to provide the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) with a solution for the Kinetic Energy Interceptor (KEI) requirement. The two companies will jointly submit a proposal to the agency in March. Lockheed Martin will lead the team, and Boeing will be the principal teammate.

Lockheed Martin has assembled the company's most experienced missile defense talent to provide the MDA with a flexible, creative approach to the Kinetic Energy Interceptor program. Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control in Dallas, TX, will lead the team with significant contributions from Lockheed Martin's space systems and naval surveillance systems operations. Boeing Missile Defense Systems will complement the team with its own extensive missile defense experience.

"Lockheed Martin and Boeing will combine each company's strengths and experience in missile defense to ensure that the Missile Defense Agency and our nation receives the best solution available for a new ground, multi-use interceptor," said Mike Trotsky, Lockheed Martin vice president of air and missile defense programs. "Together, we will provide the MDA with the most proven and affordable capabilities available today to meet the ground-based objectives, and continuing into the future with a seamless transition to a sea-based capability."

"This team brings complementary talent and experience to the KEI effort," said James W. Evatt, senior vice president and general manager of Boeing Missile Defense Systems. "This new capability will be an important part of the evolution of the Ballistic Missile Defense System, and we look forward to working with Lockheed Martin to provide MDA an innovative solution."

The Request for Proposals (RFP) released by the MDA in February calls for responses from contractors or teams with experience in weapon system integration, booster development, kill vehicle development, launcher development/integration, integration with external sensors, battle management, command, control and communications and missile production. Lockheed Martin and Boeing are world-class providers of systems and solutions in all of these areas and each company has a proven track record of success that dates back to the earliest missile defense programs.

Lockheed Martin is a world leader in systems integration and the development of air and missile defense systems and technologies including the first operational hit-to-kill missile defense system. It also has considerable experience in missile production, infrared seekers, battle management command, control and communications, precision pointing and tracking optics as well as radar and signal processing. The company makes significant contributions to all ten major U.S. Missile Defense Systems and participates in several global missile defense partnerships.

Boeing Missile Defense Systems is a proven leader in systems integration, and is uniquely capable of developing and integrating key elements of the Missile Defense Agency's global system.

A unit of The Boeing Company, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems, is one of the world's largest space and defense businesses. Headquartered in St. Louis, Boeing Integrated Defense Systems is a \$25 billion business. It provides systems solutions to its global military, government and commercial customers. It is a leading provider of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; surface and air launched weapons, the world's largest military aircraft manufacturer; the world's largest satellite manufacturer, a leading provider of space-based communications; the primary systems integrator for U.S. missile defense; NASA's largest contractor; and a global leader in launch services.

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