



Lockheed Martin to Expand Bradford Drive Campus

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Lockheed Martin Corp. is expanding its operations in Huntsville with a new \$30 million, 166,000-square-foot office building on its Bradford Drive campus. Bob Drolet, director, Huntsville Operations, Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company, made the announcement during a press event today at the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County.

Drolet said Lockheed will use the new building to manage missile defense programs such as the Theatre High Altitude Area Defense, the multinational Medium Extended Air Defense System and directed-energy or laser missile defense programs. He also announced that a local firm will manage the new building project.

Sunnyvale II development group was selected to manage construction of the new building. Sunnyvale II is a partnership of local business people and developers that includes Peter L. Lowe, Danny L. Wiginton and Wayne Wright. Turner Universal Construction and Goodrum Knowles Architects will team with Sunnyvale II to complete this project.

Dave Hargrove, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, noted that Lockheed Martin is one of Huntsville's leading employers, as well as one of the world's leading aerospace and defense companies. "In some form or fashion, Lockheed Martin has been in Cummings Research Park since 1962," he added. "They are on a path to continue making Huntsville history."

Construction of the 166,000-square-foot office building is scheduled to begin this month and completion is anticipated by October 2007. This is the second major local expansion for Lockheed in 10 years. The defense and space contractor opened a 170,000-square-foot building in 1996. The new facility will be the eighth building in the Lockheed Martin 80-acre campus on Bradford Drive.

"What I appreciate most about Lockheed Martin is their quality workforce," said Huntsville Mayor Loretta Spencer. "Their employees' level of volunteer involvement in our city certainly makes a difference for many organizations, and Lockheed Martin itself is a tremendous corporate citizen. I value the investment they have made in our city."

Mike Gillespie, chairman of the Madison County Commission agreed. "We need more Lockheed Martin employees in this community." He remarked the company and its employees are true community partners who enhance the county's quality of life.

Lockheed Martin Huntsville Operations has increased its workforce by 13 percent in the past year. Drolet said the current building expansion is not directly tied to the relocation of three major Army commands and other military work coming to Huntsville because of the 2005 BRAC.

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