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\$119M job

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General Dynamics SATCOM Technologies in Newton has received a \$119 million modification to an existing delivery order to provide additional satellite communications Earth terminals and support services for Increment One of the U.S. Army's Warfighter Information Network-Tactical (WIN-T) program.

Under the contract, General Dynamics SATCOM Technologies will provide 293 Satellite Transportable Terminals (STT), 6 Unit Hub SATCOM Trucks (UHST) and 534 Ka-band upgrade kits and spares.

General Dynamics spokeswoman Fran Jacques provided more background:

The STT is a satellite communications terminal mounted on a two-wheel trailer that is light enough to be towed by most military vehicles or flown to tactical areas on most aircraft or helicopters. It can be used in the field to transmit video, voice or data communications over Ku (12-14 GHz) or Ka (18-20 GHz) frequencies to unit hubs or command centers.

The UHST vehicle is a larger vehicle that can be used as a military communications hub to send or receive satellite communications over Ka or Ku bands to multiple

smaller terminals in the field (the STTs, for example) or back to command headquarters located anywhere on Earth.

Both the STTs and UHSTs are interoperable with satellite communications (SATCOM) units currently in use by the Army.

"We're very pleased to receive this additional delivery order for satellite transportable terminals and unit hub trucks," said Gary Kanipe, Vice President and General Manager of General Dynamics SATCOM Technologies. "The WIN-T Increment One SATCOM terminals will provide deployed warfighters with robust, beyond-line-of-sight communications for a broad spectrum of information services. Our new designs will allow U.S. warfighters to easily deploy and use these terminals in hazardous and extreme conditions."

There are no plans for additional jobs, upgrades or expansions to meet the order modification, Jacques said.

The Newton plant, on Prodelin Drive, employs 250 people, she said.

General Dynamics SATCOM Technologies, part of General Dynamics C4 Systems, is a leading supplier of emergency, strategic and tactical satellite ground terminals. It sells communications antennas and electronic components to commercial and government customers worldwide as well as the military.

Additional information about SATCOM Technologies' products and services is available on the Internet at www.gdsatcom.com.

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