

# GPS III US\$50 Million Contract Lockheed

The U.S. Air Force has awarded Lockheed Martin (CO, USA) a contract valued at approximately US\$50 million to execute a System Design Review for the next generation Global Positioning System Space Segment program, known as GPS Block III.

GPS III will address the challenging military transformational and civil needs across the globe, including advanced anti-jam capabilities and improved system security, accuracy and reliability.

"With a successful requirements review accomplished, we have quickly turned our focus to meeting the design requirements under this important contract," said Don DeGryse, vice president, Lockheed Martin Navigation Systems. "Our team continues to work diligently to provide a low-risk, high- confidence GPS III block approach and we are well prepared to help our customer achieve mission success on this essential program."

[Lockheed Martin](#) recently conducted a successful GPS III System Requirements Review under a US\$10 million follow-on to a 2004 Phase A Concept Development Contract. In November, the team was awarded a US\$49.9 million contract to conduct a GPS III System Design Review (SDR) in March 2007. This effort will further help the government define its approach to the space segment specification. A multi-billion dollar development contract is scheduled to be awarded to by the Global Positioning Systems Wing, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base, CA, USA in 2007.

For GPS III, Lockheed Martin and its navigation payload provider ITT are building on their successful experience on the government's Block IIR and IIR- M programs. The third GPS Block IIR-M satellite was launched on 17th November from Cape Canaveral and declared operational for navigation users worldwide on 12th December by Air Force Space Command at Schriever Air Force Base, CO, USA. The fourth GPS Block IIR-M satellite was delivered to Cape Canaveral last week to support a 2007 launch, if requested by the Air Force for constellation sustainment.

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