



Oshkosh wins Humvee replacement contract

Representing one of the largest and most competitive land-based military contracts awarded in at least the last decade, the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) Life Cycle Management Command (LCMC) has awarded Oshkosh Defense, LLC, an Oshkosh Corp. company, a \$6.7 billion firm fixed price production contract to manufacture the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV). The contract could eventually be worth as much as \$30 billion over the next 25 years.

According to one report, the Army plans to buy 50,000 of the vehicles, at a cost of \$250,000 each, while the Marine Corps would purchase 5500. Oshkosh won the contract over Lockheed Martin Corp. and AM General LLC. It is likely, as it typically is with contracts of this magnitude, that either Lockheed or AM, or both will request a formal debrief from JLTV program officials. Each of the companies also has an option to protest the award.

The JLTV program is designed to fill a gap for the U.S. Army and Marine Corps by replacing a large portion of the legacy HMMWV fleet with a light tactical vehicle with superior protection and off-road mobility. The first Army brigade is expected to be equipped with the new vehicles by 2018.

During the contract, which includes both Low Rate Initial Production (LRIP) and Full Rate Production (FRP), Oshkosh expects to deliver approximately 17,000 vehicles and sustainment services. The JLTV production contract awarded to Oshkosh includes a base contract award and eight option years covering three years of LRIP and five years of FRP. Oshkosh will begin delivering vehicles approximately ten months after contract award.

Oshkosh said the JLTV family of vehicles is comprised of two variants, a two seat and a four seat variant, as well as a companion trailer (JLTV-T). The two seat variant has one base vehicle platform, the Utility (JLTV-UTL). The four seat variant has two base vehicle platforms, the General Purpose (JLTV-GP) and the Close Combat Weapons Carrier (JLTV-CCWC).

Design details are still sketchy, though it is known that the engine will be a 6.6L Duramax diesel.

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