

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 17, 2020

The Honorable Barbara Barrett
Secretary of the Air Force
1670 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1670

Dear Secretary Barrett,

Our Air Force's air mobility fleets and fighter squadrons are critical to the nation's ability to project power and require reliable sustainment and maintenance. As you know, the Department of the Air Force is holding a competition for its F-16 Depot program, which will provide comprehensive sustainment services for legacy F-16 aircraft for the U.S. Air Force and Foreign Military Sale (FMS) partners with an expected award date of December 2020. The Department is also holding a competition for its C-130 Depot Maintenance Program to assist Warner Robins Air Logistics Complex with C-130 Contract Depot Maintenance with an expected award date of late November 2020.

As you are probably aware, Lockheed Martin has submitted competitive proposals for both competitions to perform the work at its facility located in Greenville, South Carolina. This site has a long 36-year history of providing depot level maintenance, including nose-to-tail aircraft modification, complex structural repairs and complex avionics installations, inspections, and state-of-the-art upgrades for a variety of aircraft platforms. As a longtime C-130 partner to the USAF, Lockheed Martin's Greenville site is also the home to the F-16 production line. The facility is equipped and ready now to support F-16 operations, providing synergy between production and sustainment and giving full life-cycle coverage for the F-16 Fighting Falcon. Further, as the C-130 Hercules and F-16 Fighting Falcon's Original Equipment Manufacturer, Lockheed Martin is uniquely positioned to provide the most comprehensive knowledge of the aircraft and tailored sustainment solutions to enhance and optimize the C-130 and F-16 fleets for greater capability, readiness, and dominance.

Additionally, the workforce in Greenville is comprised of some of the most talented and experienced aircraft artisans working in the U.S. aerospace industry. If chosen to do this work for the Air Force, we are confident that these Lockheed Martin employees in Greenville will perform with excellence. We respectfully request that Lockheed Martin's proposals be given full and fair consideration, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

We appreciate the opportunity to highlight the great work South Carolina can do for the Air Force. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you need assistance with addressing these critical requirements, and we thank you for your continued service to our Air Force and our nation.

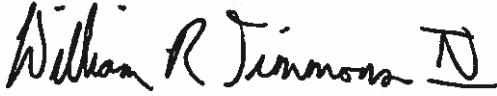
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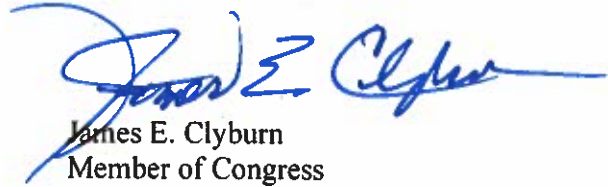
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