



## Northrop Grumman Facility Achieves Highest CMMI(r) Rating for Software and Firmware

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LINTHICUM, Md., May 7, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) has announced that its Electronic Systems campus in Linthicum has been appraised at Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI®) Maturity Level 5—the highest rating possible for commercial and defense industry best practices—for software and firmware.



The assessment, which was conducted by Norausky Process Solutions Inc., an independent organization, signifies Northrop Grumman's excellence in software development and management.

Higher maturity levels signify lower risk to successful program execution. Maturity Level 5 indicates performing at an "optimizing" level, demonstrating that the organization continually improves its processes based on a quantitative understanding of its business objectives and performance needs.

CMMI® is a process improvement framework that organizations use to improve their ability to build and maintain quality products and services. The framework defines a set of objective standards for assessing an organization's full range of engineering and organizational processes. CMMI® is also a collection of best practices that addresses process performance, product costs, risks and quality; it emphasizes alignment of the process improvement objectives with organizational business objectives.

"Continuous improvement is a top priority at Northrop Grumman," said Nicholas G. Paraskevopoulos, vice president and general manager, Engineering, Manufacturing and Logistics, Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems. "This CMMI® rating is evidence of our continued commitment to providing the best value for our customers through top performance."

Home to approximately 6,000 employees, the Linthicum campus is the headquarters of Northrop Grumman's Electronic Systems sector. Here the company designs, develops and manufactures advanced electronics for military, civil and commercial customers.

The CMMI® project is a collaborative effort with participation by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the military services and other government agencies, industry, the National Defense Industrial Association Systems Engineering Division, and the Software Engineering Institute of Carnegie Mellon University.

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