



Photo Release -- Northrop Grumman Receives \$128 Million Contract to Supply Army With Lightweight Laser Designator Rangefinders

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APOPKA, Fla., Oct 6, 2008 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX News Network) -- Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE:NOC) has received a \$128 million firm fixed-priced contract from the U.S. Army to provide Lightweight Laser Designator Rangefinder (LLDR) systems, which provide battle-proven targeting capability for laser-guided, GPS-guided and conventional munitions.

A photo accompanying this release is available at <http://media.primezone.com/noc/>

Work will be performed at the company's Laser Systems facility in Apopka, Fla., by the existing workforce of nearly 1,000 employees.

"The LLDR is a mission critical system that is being used by our warfighters on a daily basis to provide the highly reliable, precision targeting capability they need," said Gordon Stewart, vice president and general manager of the company's Laser Systems business unit. "The LLDR system allows warfighters to pin-point targets for precision guided weapons and digitally transmit target location data to the tactical network.

"This contract will not only help to stabilize our workforce at Apopka, but will also continue to provide a positive economic impact on the local community," he added.

Northrop Grumman's LLDR accurately targets enemy positions during the day, at night and in nearly all battlefield conditions including haze, smoke, fog and rain. It provides a unique capability to forward observers and forward air controllers. The system can recognize targets; find the range to a target with an eye-safe laser wavelength; and calculate grid coordinates with built-in GPS, elevation and azimuth sensing capability. The system then provides this information to other digital battlefield systems. The LLDR can also be used with semi-active laser-guided munitions and laser spot trackers.

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