

Local BAE operation gets federal contract

Staff Report

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WEST CHESTER Twp., Butler County — The federal government has agreed to purchase \$13 million in armored commercial vehicles made at the former Armor Holdings facilities here, according to a news release.

BAE Systems said it will make 100 armored commercial vehicles, including Chevrolet Suburbans and armored Sprinter vans, in Butler County.

BAE spokeswoman Eva Keller declined to identify the government agency buying the vehicles.

The pact calls for BAE Systems to complete the work by December.

The company employs 1,600 people in West Chester Twp., Keller said.

BAE, a London-based aerospace and defense firm, bought Armor Holdings in 2007 for \$4.5 billion.

BAE Systems awarded \$13M contract

Company is discussing how recent acquisition of a Dayton-based company will affect operations in Butler County.

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WEST CHESTER TWP. — Another large U.S. government contract, this one worth \$13 million, has been awarded to BAE Systems for the production of 100 armored commercial vehicles.

Company officials said the vehicles, mostly armored Chevrolet Suburbans and armored Sprinter vans, will be produced at their facilities in West Chester Twp. Production is expected to be completed by December.

The vehicles will be armored similar to the military vehicles produced in Butler County in mass, but will be designed so that they cannot be distinguished from their unarmored counterparts, BAE Systems officials said.

The contract comes a little over a week after the company announced it would be acquiring Dayton-based MTC Technologies for \$450 million.

Daniel Bigelow, an employee with MTC Technologies who is now one of leaders directing the company's transition to BAE Systems, said the companies would be meeting this week to discuss how the acquisition could affect Butler County operations.

So far, BAE Systems officials said MTC's offices would remain at their Dayton area location for now.

MTC Technologies provides technical and professional services — as well as equipment integration and modernization — for the U.S. military and intelligence agencies. It was founded by Beavercreek native Raj Soin in 1984 and employs 2,700 people nationwide.

London-based BAE Systems commercial and military armored vehicles, armor kits and ballistics glass. It has 890,000 square feet of office and manufacturing space as well as a state-of-the-art ballistics glass plant in West Chester Twp. The company employs more than 1,600 people there.

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