



Contractor to add 75 blue-collar jobs at Letterkenny Army Depot

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The contractor supplying hundreds of blue-collar workers to Letterkenny Army Depot will be hiring an additional 75.

In the coming year, more than 400 DynCorp International employees will work on Humvees, mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles, power generators and aviation ground power units.

DynCorp, based in Falls Church, Va., has been awarded a task order to provide logistics support and repair services for up to two years. The order is worth \$24.6 million in the first year and up to \$49 million if all options are exercised.

L3 Communications of New York previously had the labor contract at Letterkenny.

"We are working to transition as many of the work force as possible," said Douglas Ebner, DynCorp spokesman. "We anticipate 75 positions to be filled locally."

Employees of the private contractors work alongside federal employees in Letterkenny shops. Contracted positions sometimes give

workers an inside track to federal employment.

DynCorp, L3 and other military contractors are pre-qualified to provide the "indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity" service to the Department of Defense. The government then awards contracts for a specific task to the low bidder. A private company is held to a fixed price to accomplish the task, thus increasing both the company's risk and potential for profit.

Both DynCorp and L-3 reported increased revenues for the third quarter of 2008 from the same period in 2007 -- DynCorp up 1 percent, and L-3 up 11 percent.

The Letterkenny task order will be effective Monday, and the transition is under way, according to Ebner. DynCorp looks at the employees necessary for meeting the terms of the contract.

The company is working with Pennsylvania CareerLink to fill positions. To apply, check "careers" at <http://www.dyn-intl.com>. Skill sets include mechanical, electrical and logistics support for vehicle maintenance and repair.

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