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JLG gets \$85.7 million contract to make ATLAS II telescopic forklifts

Staff report

McCONNELLSBURG -- JLG Industries announced Thursday it has received an \$85.7 million order to build telescopic forklifts for the U.S. Army.

JLG will build 492 All Terrain Lifter Army System (ATLAS II) units at its McConnellsburg facility.

Units are scheduled for delivery beginning this autumn.

This is the second large order for the ATLAS II in the past three months. The Army ordered 311 ATLAS II units at the start of April, worth about \$51 million.

"This award is a testament to JLG's ability to design, build and provide exceptional support for products supplied to the U.S. military," said Craig Paylor, Oshkosh Corp. executive vice president and JLG president, in a news release. "We will continue to deliver on our commitment to provide superior performance, rugged dependability and the highest level of after-sales support for the ATLAS II and all JLG products."

The newest in the JLG line of military telehandlers, the ATLAS II is designed with more versatility and improved load-handling capabilities. The ATLAS II can reach into trucks or shipping containers, lift loads over obstacles and pick up loads from both above and below grade.

"Building on the rugged reputation of our military telehandlers, the JLG ATLAS II comes equipped with four-wheel drive, four-wheel steer and exceptional ground clearance," said Denny Buterbaugh, JLG Industries vice president of government products and programs. "These machines will enable Army logistics personnel to transport



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Major machine: The All-Terrain Lifter Army System is known as ATLAS. (Courtesy)

materials through a variety of terrains."

The ATLAS program began in 1998 with the original ATLAS design and continues with a second generation machine.

Work on this order is expected to be completed by Dec. 31, 2012, according to the Department of Defense. Bids were solicited on the Internet with four bids received.

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