



MRAPs built in Franklin County area have landed in Afghanistan

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Oshkosh Corp.'s first all-terrain MRAPs are on the ground in Afghanistan.

The company said Monday that the first M-ATVs are now in theater, just three months after the initial contract was awarded.

Deliveries of the combat vehicles are ahead of schedule.

By December, Oshkosh plans to ramp up production to 1,000 vehicles per month, splitting the work between a plant in Wisconsin and its subsidiary, JLG Industries in McConnellsburg.

To date, the company has received \$2.3 billion in orders for 4,296 of the vehicles, spare parts and support services.

The company said on Friday that for the third consecutive month, it has exceeded its contract delivery requirements for vehicles. The September M-ATV delivery requirement for 100 vehicles was met on Sept. 22, more than a week earlier than required.

Since receiving the first order on June 30, Oshkosh has delivered ahead of schedule each month, enabling the MRAP Joint Program Office

to fly M-ATVs to Afghanistan earlier than initial estimates.

The three orders received so far are to carry the workload through March.

The all-terrain vehicle is designed to survive an improvised explosive device blast or ambush and to maneuver the rugged, mountainous terrain of Afghanistan.

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