



More MRAP vehicle work on its way to Franklin County region

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Two orders received this week from the Department of Defense mean additional MRAP work locally.

BAE Systems received a delivery order from the U.S. Marine Corps Systems Command worth as much as \$90.6 million to build 58 mine resistant ambush protected vehicles.

The company said in a news release that work will be performed by the existing work force and will begin immediately at BAE Systems facilities in York and Aiken, S.C., with help from Letterkenny Army Depot and a Spartan Motors Chassis facility in Charlotte, Mich.

Vehicle hull production will occur at the York facility while final assembly, integration, and testing will take place at Letterkenny Army Depot.

Deliveries are scheduled to begin in September and run through December.

Through a separate contract, Oshkosh Corp. is building an off-road variant of the MRAP. The work is being split between a facility in Wisconsin and JLG Industries in McConnellsburg.

Oshkosh Corp. this week received an additional \$640 million award from the U.S. Army Tank-automotive and Armaments Command Life Cycle Management Command for 1,460 MRAP all-terrain vehicles.

To date, Oshkosh has received awards valued at more than \$4.74 billion for 8,079 M-ATVs, in addition to parts kits and aftermarket in-theater support.

JLG spokesperson Jeff Ford said about 650 JLG workers laid off have been recalled at McConnellsburg to assist with the M-ATV work.

Oshkosh spokesperson Ann Stawski said the latest order will carry the workload through summer. The previous orders would have been completed in May, but the new order will extend M-ATV work another month or two beyond that, Stawski said.

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