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## Oshkosh contract expanded

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MCCONNELLSBURG, PA. — Oshkosh Corp.'s latest contract with the U.S. Army for bomb-resistant military trucks will extend production of the vehicles into May 2010, the corporation recently announced in a news release.

An additional 400 MRAP all-terrain vehicles (M-ATVs) adds \$175 million onto military orders, which now total \$3.3 billion for 6,619 M-ATVs, the news release stated.

Oshkosh Corp. produces M-ATVs in a Wisconsin plant and at the JLG plant in Fulton County, Pa. Oshkosh Corp. is the parent company of JLG.

"With world-class manufacturing capabilities, available capacity and a highly skilled work force, we continue to be prepared to meet the needs of the U.S. armed forces for the M-ATV and other programs, however large the order or complex the vehicle," Oshkosh Corp. Chief Executive Officer Robert G. Bohn said in the news release.

On Nov. 30, Oshkosh Corp. marked the handoff of the 1,000th M-ATV to the military. Corporate officials have said the production schedule calls for 1,000 vehicles to be built each month.

"It's very good news," L. Michael Ross, president of the Franklin County (Pa.) Area Development Corp., said Monday.

Ross said manufacturing at JLG has a ripple effect in neighboring Franklin County.

"As they need more fabrication parts and machine parts, we'd expect there would be more work for their suppliers in Franklin County. ... Even though JLG does not have a physical presence in Franklin County, we consider them an original equipment manufacturer because so much of their supply chain is in Franklin County," he said.

Companies across Franklin County produce items used at JLG, Ross said.

JLG also has offices in Hagerstown, according to the company Web site.

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