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U.S. Army Aviation Center Logistics Command and L-3's Army Fleet Support named as 2007 Shingo Bronze Medallion Recipient

FORT RUCKER, Ala. (November 14, 2007) – L-3 announced today that its Army Fleet Support LLC (AFS) business and the U.S. Army Aviation Center Logistics Command (ACLCL) received the Shingo Bronze Medallion for excellence in maintenance repair and overhaul.

ACLCL, led by ACLCL Commander Colonel Alan M. Stull, is U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command's (AMCOM) fleet management organization on Ft. Rucker. AFS is managed by L-3's Vertex Aerospace division. Vertex is a subsidiary of the L-3 Communications Integrated Systems Group.

The Shingo Prize is a prestigious award presented to promote an awareness of Lean Manufacturing concepts and to recognize organizations that achieve world-class status. The Shingo Prize has been called "The Nobel Prize for Manufacturing Excellence" by *Business Week* Magazine, and it is a highly sought after recognition by private and public sector entities.

The current government-owned, contractor-operated (GOCO) type relationship between ACLCL and AFS consists of 100 government personnel and 3,300 AFS employees providing aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO), and supply support operations for 436 helicopters assigned to the U.S. Army Aviation Warfighting Center (USAAWC) at Fort Rucker, Alabama. The USAAWC flies approximately 240,000 flying hours per year to train more than 1,200 Army, Air Force, and allied rotary wing pilots.

The Shingo winning project began in 2004 to meet maintenance requirements for high initial entry rotary wing (IERW) training operational tempo in support of our nation's defense commitments. The Army's 182 TH-67 Creek helicopters (a military version of

the Bell 206B) were identified as an opportunity for Lean process improvement, specifically; the C20J engine maintenance process was selected.



Receiving the Shingo Bronze Medallion at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., from left, Tony Johnson, AFS; Mark Danley, AFS; MG James R. Myles; Mary Poe, AFS; Sean Heileman, ASI and Robert Hill, ACLC.

“The Shingo Bronze Medallion is just the beginning of our team’s Lean transformation process,” said John Hamlin of AFS. “As an organization striving to be world-class, the ACLC/AFS team is proud to be a 2007 Shingo Bronze Medallion award recipient.” Mr. Robert Hill, Deputy to the Commander, ACLC added that the team is executing a C20J 2nd Pass Implementation plan that will categorically revamp Army Aviation engine maintenance by reducing total lead time by more than 90 percent.

ACLC and AFS have forged a new team effort called Flight Path to continue and broaden the lean approach to other divisions/facets of aviation maintenance, including the UH-60 Blackhawk, CH-47 Chinook, OH-58 Kiowa and AH-64 Apache.

AMCOM, ACLC, and AFS have empowered the workforce to implement lean changes resulting in tremendous through-put increases as well as cost and time savings to the U.S. taxpayer and war-fighter.

The U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command (AMCOM) is headquartered at Redstone Arsenal, AL. AMCOM provides life-cycle management of Army aviation and missile systems, from research and development to procurement and production, from spare parts availability to flight safety, and from maintenance and

overhaul to eventual retirement. AMCOM ensures the Army's aviation and missile systems are technologically superior, affordable, and always ready.

Headquartered at Fort Belvoir, VA, the U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) is the single Army logistics command, organized into Life Cycle Management Commands (LCMCs), Major Subordinate Commands (MSCs) and Separate Reporting Activities (SRAs). In collaboration with the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology-ASA (ALT) and U.S. Transportation Command-TRANSCOM, AMC provides integrated, end-to-end lifecycle management and sustainment of systems and equipment, and provide transportation and distribution services to the Warfighter. AMC works closely with other Services and agencies within DoD to sustain U.S. and allied Land Forces deployed worldwide.

Madison, Mississippi-based L-3 Vertex Aerospace provides aviation and other aerospace technical services, primarily to government customers. The company has more than 11,000 employees working from 280 locations worldwide.

L-3 Communications Integrated Systems develops and integrates defense and commercial technology for U.S. and allied customers worldwide. Headquartered in Greenville, Texas, L-3 IS has more than five decades of experience in the development of complex intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance systems; command and control; and secure communications. It is recognized internationally as a systems integration organization specializing in the modernization and maintenance of aircraft of all sizes. It is a leader in advanced technologies for signal processing, electronic countermeasures, sensor development and aircraft self-protection. Systems provided or maintained by L-3 IS help protect military and civilian personnel, bases, assets and national borders throughout the world.

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications employs over 63,000 people worldwide and is a prime system contractor in aircraft modernization and maintenance, C³ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) systems and government services. L-3 is also a leading provider of high technology products, subsystems and systems. The company reported 2006 sales of \$12.5 billion.

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