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Northrop Grumman Names Huntsville as KEI Program Headquarters

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Feb. 19, 2008 – Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) announced today that it will headquarter its Kinetic Energy Interceptors missile defense program in Huntsville, Ala. The program management office will occupy space in the company's Cummings Research Park.

“We look forward to co-locating with our Missile Defense Agency customer in Huntsville as we jointly continue developing and testing this extremely flexible and robust missile defense capability,” said Tony Spehar, vice president and general manager of the KEI program for Northrop Grumman's Mission Systems sector. “As funding grows, we expect to increase our employment and take advantage of the highly-skilled labor force based in this area. KEI is a program of national importance, and we are on a solid path to get this critical element of our nation's layered missile defense system deployed to the warfighter.”

KEI is a flexible missile defense system featuring the U.S. Missile Defense Agency's (MDA) newest high acceleration booster. The system is being developed as a land-based asset with options that enable land and sea mobility. Fully deployed, KEI will be capable of destroying intermediate and intercontinental ballistic missiles in their boost, ascent and midcourse phases of flight. A Northrop Grumman-led team won the eight-year development and test contract in December 2003.

The Northrop Grumman KEI program management team will join the approximately 50 other Northrop Grumman KEI employees currently working in Huntsville, which until now, has served as the lead for developing the KEI fire control and communications system.

“We are pleased to be adding the Northrop Grumman KEI program headquarters to our business base here in Huntsville, where we continue building our presence as a strong, vibrant member of this high-tech community,” said Dan Montgomery, Northrop Grumman corporate lead executive for the Huntsville region.

Previous headquarters for the Northrop Grumman KEI program office was Fairfax, Va., where a substantial contingent of employees will remain working on systems engineering and design requirements. Principal teammates on the KEI program

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include Raytheon, Tucson, Ariz.; ATK, Promontory, Utah, and Elkton, Md.; Orbital Sciences, Phoenix and Chandler, Ariz.; Honeywell, Tempe, Ariz.; Aerojet, Sacramento, Calif.; Ball Aerospace, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Kuchera, Johnstown, Pa..

Northrop Grumman employs 1,200 people in the Huntsville area, and 1,500 in Alabama. Employees support a number of military customers in the region, including U.S. Army Space and Missile Command; Army Aviation and Missile Command; Army Program Executive Office for Aviation; Army Program Executive Office for Missiles and Space; U.S. Missile Defense Agency; National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and Defense Intelligence Agency.

In addition to KEI, Northrop Grumman's major programs in Huntsville include Hellfire Missile; Ground-based Midcourse Defense Fire Control and Launch Control Equipment software; Forward Area Air Defense Command and Control; Command Post Platform; Longbow Missile; and Viper Strike munition.

The company has established a premier Missile Defense Engineering and Analysis Center and the Huntsville System and Mechanical Engineering Center of Excellence. Northrop Grumman has also formed a team competing for the U.S. Army's Integrated Air and Missile Defense-Battle Command System, which could create more jobs in the Huntsville area.

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