

Ohio Governor Visits Lima T

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Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland visited the General Dynamics Land Systems Joint Systems Manufacturing Center in Lima, Ohio, Jan. 10, while touring the northern portion of the state.

At JSMC, the governor was briefed on facility operations and capabilities by Wade McVey, DCMA General Dynamics Land Systems acting commander, and Keith Deters, General Dynamics Land Systems plant manager. The briefing focused on JSMC's

importance to the Department of Defense industrial base and its economic impact on the surrounding communities.

Following the briefing, Strickland toured the plant's main production and test and acceptance areas. After

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A topping-out ceremony for the new General Dynamics command and control center was held in summer 2007, signifying the successful completion of the building's structural steel placement. From left: Keith Deters, General Dynamics Land Systems plant manager; Tom Heckman, GDLS project engineer; Greg Huber, DCMA facility engineer; and Army Maj. Anthony M. Thornton, DCMA GDLS acting commander.



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McVey, who is the acting installation commander while Army Lt. Col. Ted Epple is deployed, presented the governor with a DCMA commander's coin.

Strickland was impressed with operations at the center and its support of our warfighters and DoD. He individually thanked many employees for their hard work and dedication to producing the finest military equipment in the world. **C**

New Command and Control Center Tops out in Lima

By Greg Huber, DCMA General Dynamics Land Systems

In spite of winter's cold, rain and snowstorms, progress continues on the construction of a new command and control center at the General Dynamics Land Systems Joint Systems Manufacturing Center in Lima, Ohio. The new facility replaces an existing World War II-era wood frame building.

The present structure is deteriorated, lacks needed electrical and mechanical systems and does not meet Americans With Disabilities Act standards. More than \$11 million for design and construction of the new facility was allocated in fiscal year 2006.

Under supervision of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District, the contract was awarded to the Butt Construction Co., Dayton, Ohio.

When completed, the center will be a two-story, 45,000-square-foot facility featuring a new sentry station, conference rooms with teleconferencing capability and a display gallery for new products and technologies. The facility design incorporates "green" components

such as high-efficiency electrical motors, recycled building materials and water-efficient plumbing fixtures.

The building also features an 1,800-square-foot virtual reality area for design, development and technology demonstrations and an 1,800-square-foot computer control center, integrating product designs with machine controllers on the manufacturing floor. The functional and architectural characteristics of the new center complement the high-technology combat vehicles produced at JSMC Lima.

DCMA GDLS is involved in every aspect of the project as representatives of the property owner and the Army. The building's occupants will be from both DCMA and GDLS organizations, including executive management, programs, engineering, security and contract administration.

Ground was broken for the new center March 19, 2007. Its completion is scheduled for May 2008.

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Wade McVey, left, DCMA General Dynamics Land Systems acting commander, presents Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland, center, with a DCMA commander's coin while Keith Deters, right, GDLS plant manager looks on. (Photo by Christopher Kasson)