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L3HARRIS ANNOUNCES NEW $1.27 BILLION INVESTMENT IN ORANGE COUNTY

ORANGE COUNTY, Va. – Earlier today at the Orange County Public Safety Building, Virginia Governor Abigail Spanberger, along with the Orange County Board of Supervisors, other county officials, and representatives from L3Harris, announced a $1.27 billion expansion of the company's production facility in Orange County.

L3Harris is an industry leader in defense technology and solutions. This expansion will build upon the firm's strong foundation in Orange County, with plans to construct new facilities at the existing site to support key solid rocket motor production operations spanning multiple Department of War programs. Over the next five years, the expansion will more than double the plant's manufacturing space and add more than 350 new jobs.

"Today marks the beginning of an economic resurgence for Orange County. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors and our Economic Development team, we are thrilled to recognize and support L3Harris' $1.27 billion expansion and the creation of 350+ new jobs in Orange County. This is a transformational announcement that will benefit Orange County for decades," said Bryan Nicol, Chairman of the Orange County Board of Supervisors. "L3Harris has been an important, long-time member of our business community – making their growth and continued investment here particularly gratifying. This project is a recognition of Orange County's strong business climate, its economic vitality, and our region's qualified workforce. The Board is grateful to be receiving a grant from Governor Spanberger's Commonwealth's Opportunity Fund and support from the General Assembly's Major Employment Investment Project Approval Commission to bring this opportunity to the Commonwealth," Nicol said.

"This project will mean a great deal for our community and economy," said Crystal Coleman, District 4 Supervisor. The benefit of so many new high-quality jobs coming to our area will create lasting, positive impacts for Orange County. We are especially excited that the growth will be rooted in one of our well-established and deeply valued local businesses," Coleman said.

"We are very excited to welcome this L3Harris expansion," said Glenda Paul, Orange County Administrator. "I am proud of the efforts made by our Economic Development team to help bring this growth opportunity to Orange County, and I appreciate the support we received from our regional and state-level economic development partners as we worked to make it happen," she added.

“Today is an exciting day for economic development in Orange County. I’m grateful for the hard work of my team, the support of the Board of Supervisors, and the commitment of everyone at L3Harris who recognized that Orange County is the right place to make new investments and create new jobs. This announcement reflects the strength of our community and the bright future we’re building together,” said Julie Perry, Director of Economic Development and Tourism.

Orange County worked with the Central Virginia Economic Development Partnership, the Central Virginia Partnership, and the General Assembly’s Major Employment and Investment Project Approval Commission to secure this new investment.

For more information, please view these related press releases:

- Governor’s Office Press Release: https://www.governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/news-releases/2026/april-releases/name-1116451-en.html
- L3Harris Press Release: https://www.l3harris.com/newsroom/press-release/2026/04/l3harris-announces-billion-dollar-expansion-orange-county-virginia

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