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## **L3HARRIS TO EXPAND AND MODERNIZE AEROJET ROCKETDYNE MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN ORANGE COUNTY**

ORANGE COUNTY, Va. – Orange County is excited to announce that Aerojet Rocketdyne, an L3Harris Technologies company, will be expanding their operations in our community. Aerojet Rocketdyne’s Orange County site is home to some of the most advanced defense and space propulsion research, development, and manufacturing operations in the world. The site includes the Orange Altitude Test Facility, a fully-equipped propellant lab and a state-of-the-art air-breathing test facility. In their [press release](#), Aerojet Rocketdyne announced its plans to construct new facilities, purchase new equipment, and hire 80 new employees over the next three years.

“This agreement builds upon company and U.S. government investments in our solid rocket motor production capabilities for critical defense systems,” said Ross Niebergall, President, Aerojet Rocketdyne, L3Harris. “We have been a part of the Virginia community for decades and look forward to growing our talented workforce here as we produce the vital propulsion that helps protect our nation and its allies.”

“Our country’s security depends on defense manufacturers like L3Harris, and we are proud that this long-term corporate partner continues to reinvest in Virginia,” said Governor Glenn Youngkin. “The Commonwealth’s vibrant industrial and technological ecosystem provides an ideal home for the booming aerospace industry, underpinned by a top-notch workforce pipeline that draws from thousands of service members who exit the armed services in Virginia every year and our excellent schools that ensure a steady flow of new talent.”

“This is an exciting announcement. On behalf of the Orange County Board of Supervisors and our Economic Development team, I am pleased to support L3Harris’ efforts to add 80 new jobs and expand their operations in Orange County over the next 36 months,” said R. Mark Johnson, Chairman, Orange County Board of Supervisors. “L3Harris has been an important member of our business community for many years – making their \$41.2 million investment particularly gratifying. Receiving the Commonwealth’s Opportunity Fund grant from Governor Youngkin and VEDP is a recognition of Orange County’s pro-business climate, its economic vitality, and our region’s qualified workforce.”

For more information, please view the [Governor’s press release](#), the [press release from L3Harris](#), or contact our Economic Development Office at (540) 672-1238.

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