

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) toured Lockheed Martin Systems Integration Owego this afternoon and met with high level officials for status briefings on U.S. military programs led by Lockheed Martin from the Owego facility.

“Today, I saw first-hand the world-class defense systems being manufactured right here in our region – providing critical local jobs and making sure the U.S. military remains the world’s best and our soldiers are safe,” **Arcuri said**. “I commend the top-notch team of professionals at Lockheed Martin Systems Integration Owego for their continued commitment to national security and the Southern Tier economy. In Washington, I will continue to work to ensure that Lockheed Martin Systems Integration Owego gets key federal contracts and the national recognition it deserves.”

“We were very pleased to welcome Congressman Arcuri on his first fact-finding visit to Lockheed Martin Systems Integration Owego,” **said Frank C. Meyer, company president**. “His ongoing support for the Government programs we work on, and the resulting creation and retention of highly skilled engineering jobs in upstate New York, is of immense value to our nation’s defense and the local economy.”

Arcuri received status briefings on the following U.S. military programs led by Lockheed Martin from the Owego facility:

- VH-71 Presidential Helicopter Replacement Program - the U.S. Marine Corps’ next-generation helicopter system that will transport the President of the United States.
- MH-60R multi-mission helicopter - the U.S. Navy’s new helicopter for submarine hunting and surface warfare.
- A-10C fighter - precision weapons upgrades to the U.S. Air Force’s venerable ground attack fighter.
- Joint Light Tactical Vehicle - the U.S. Army’s proposed next-generation light truck replacement for the Humvee.

Arcuri also toured the U.S. Navy MH-60R multi-mission helicopter hangar, where Lockheed Martin engineers integrate advanced electronics designed to protect the fleet from submarine and surface ships, and was advised of the recently won \$1 billion multi-year contract to integrate 139 MH-60R helicopters through 2013. He also viewed several Tactical Wheeled Vehicles, including early Joint Light Tactical Vehicle prototypes, as well as the printed circuit card product area, where Lockheed Martin designs and builds assemblies for military computer systems.

“There is no substitute for seeing in-person the outstanding craftsmanship and world-class technology that goes into our nation’s defense systems and the men and women who work right here in the Southern Tier to make it possible,” **Arcuri said**. “The jobs here at Lockheed Martin Systems Integration Owego are invaluable to the Southern Tier economy, and I will continue to work with Lockheed Martin and officials in Washington to make sure they remain here and grow.”

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