

## **Defense Industries Continue to Grow in Camden and Ouachita County, Arkansas**

The Lockheed Martin facility at Camden will share in a massive \$2 Billion contract extension to a previously awarded contract for the production of Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) interceptors. This contract extension brings the total value of the contract to \$10.4 Billion.

Camden and Ouachita County, Arkansas will share in this extension.

Lockheed Martin produces THAAD ground vehicles and missile canisters in Camden. Aerojet Rocketdyne produces the rocket motores for missiles used in the THAAD system. In addition to Camden, work will also be performed in Dallas, TX, Sunnyvale, CA, and Troy, AL. The contract extension is anticipated to be complete by December 1, 2029.



At left, a picture of the THAAD vehicle in firing position.

The THAAD is a highly effective, combat-proven defense against short, medium, and intermediate-range ballistic missile threats. THAAD is the only U.S. system designed to intercept targets outside and inside the

atmosphere. THAAD continues incremental capability improvements within the weapon system to continually improve effectiveness against current and emerging threats.

At right, firing the THAAD missile system: a cutting-edge defense solution.

The City of Camden is currently evaluating the addition of facility improvements at the Port of Camden to support storage and movement of THAAD missile systems. With the designation of the Ouachita River as a U.S. Marine Highway, ORVA is working with its' Arkansas congressional delegation to bring movement of these systems to the Ouachita River – the safest and most economical interstate highway system in the region.

