

News Release



KELLY AVIATION CENTER AWARDED FAA GOLD AWARD

SAN ANTONIO, TX (Apr. 10, 2008) - Lockheed Martin Kelly Aviation Center (KAC) has earned the FAA's Gold Certificate of Excellence and many KAC mechanics were awarded an FAA Certificate of Training. The Aviation Maintenance Technician (AMT) Awards are active for one year.

The only maintenance organizations that receive a Gold Rating from the FAA are those with at least 50 percent of mechanics participating in a series of special training sessions. The training sessions cover everything from safety training and human factors to specific engine training.

The FAA began the AMT Awards in honor of the Wright brothers' mechanic, Charles Taylor. The Awards serve as an incentive for employees and employers to participate in maintenance training and courses. This is the first nationwide FAA-supported awards program for AMTs and employers.

"Participating in the training awards program is especially difficult for employers because, as the FAA notes, employers bear the loss of employee productivity and other costs associated with the training," explains Vince Sapero, Senior Manager of Quality. "Presenting the Gold Award is how the FAA recognizes Kelly for taking a proactive role in providing additional training for our technical workforce."

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