Resolution in Support of the Sealy FMTV Rebuy Contract

From the Katy Independent School District Board of Trustees

Katy Independent School District

Whereas, The Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles (FMTV) is a series of military trucks and trailers built in Sealy, Texas that perform a variety of roles for the U.S. Army, from cargo and troop carriers, to artillery and air defense missiles weapons carries and U.S. military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan are currently using FMTV's; and

Whereas, more than 56,000 FMTV's and trailers have been delivered to the Army over the past 17 years with 29 variants to date and Texas workers produced more than 40 FMTV's per day in Sealy with the highest ISO quality manufacturing unit ratings in the industry; and

Whereas, the Army has coined the term "ultra-reliable" to describe the FMTV's built in Sealy; and

Whereas, the Texas based production of FMTV's employs 3,000 persons, and contributes more than $500 million to the Texas economy each year through salaries, contractor costs and vendor partnerships; and

Whereas, approximately 1,000 of BAE's employees live in the Katy Independent School District; and

Whereas, the FMTV contract in Sealy has ensured the continuous production of the safest, most time-tested and proven FMTV in history to our fighting men and women in harm's way; and

Whereas, the U.S. Army has announced plans to move the FMTV contract from Sealy (BAE Systems) to a Wisconsin vendor (Oshkosh); and

Whereas, the bidding process for this contract is under question and is currently under appeal.

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Katy Independent School District Board of Trustees requests the US Army and Department of Defense to perform a critical analysis of the Wisconsin award (Oshkosh) to reverse the award decision of this rebuy contract from Wisconsin (Oshkosh) to Sealy, Texas (BAE Systems).

Adopted this 18th day of November, 2009.

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