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Dear Anthony,

It is an honor and a privilege to submit our application for the Aviation Week Program Excellence Award. Our nomination is based on the Lockheed Martin-led F-35 STOVL Development program.

As you know we have recently begun flying the first of the F-35 STOVL variants, known as the F-35B. This start of STOVL flight test is the culmination of two years of focused, intense commitment by our JSF STOVL team and our F-35 program office customer to deliver on a promise we made in 2006. This was also our first major step on a path toward meeting the fleet modernization needs of the US Marine Corps, the Royal Air Force and Navy, and the Italian Air Force and Navy.

With the second STOVL test aircraft rolling off the line in July and flying early next year, and the first production F-35B beginning manufacture, also this year, we continue to evolve the unprecedented development, production and verification of this historic and revolutionary weapon system.

We are proud of our achievements, proud of our people and proud to be a part of this wonderful, global, trend-setting program.

We look forward to attending the Program Excellence seminar in San Diego in November and are excited and honored for being nominated and considered for this prestigious award.

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