



Kratos Names Odon, Indiana as Home of New Hypersonic Test Facility

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Once Complete, Kratos' Arc Jet and Laser Facility's Multi-Domain Test Capability is Expected to Accelerate Hypersonic Materials Development for Decades, Advancing U.S. Defense Infrastructure

SAN DIEGO, May 08, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc. (Nasdaq: KTOS), a technology company in defense, national security, and global markets, announced today that it has selected Odon, Indiana, as the future home of its new mid-tier coupled arc jet and laser facility. The site selection represents a major milestone for Project Helios following the company's prior announcement of award to design and build the new test capability.

After an extensive, multi-state review, Kratos determined that Odon, Indiana, best meets the technical and operational requirements for the Project. Kratos expresses its enthusiasm for joining the local community and contributing to the region's growing role in the nation's defense industrial base.

"This was a highly competitive process with several strong candidate locations," said **Michael Johns, Senior Vice President at Kratos**. "Kratos continues to lean forward to support our critical defense infrastructure and partner with communities, like Odon, that share our passion for serving our nation. We deeply appreciate the support we received from local and state leadership throughout the selection process. Their commitment to fostering advanced technology development played a key role in this decision."

Project Helios is driven by a set of core design priorities that advance both technical capability and national security objectives. The program provides a critical bridge between laboratory material development and fielded system applications, enabling more efficient transition of hypersonic materials into operational use. It expands the nation's aerothermal testing bandwidth to support growing defense demands, while delivering higher-throughput, cost-effective evaluation at scale. At the same time, Project Helios reflects Kratos' long-term commitment to collaboration, innovation, and investment in the infrastructure necessary to sustain and strengthen national defense capabilities.

The new facility is being designed to address critical gaps in the current U.S. test infrastructure by providing aerothermal testing for materials used on hypersonic systems at an accessible scale. Once complete, the Odon-based capability will complement existing national test ranges and increase access to vital material evaluation resources for all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces and Department of War.

"We are grateful for the outstanding partnership from Indiana's leadership and our utility collaborators, including Utilities District of Western Indiana and Hoosier Energy," said **Dave Carter, President of Kratos' Defense and Rocket Support Services Division**. "Their proactive engagement was invaluable as we determined the best home for this critical capability, which we are excited to make available to the defense community. We look forward to a long and productive presence in the region."

About Kratos Defense & Security Solutions

Kratos Defense & Security Solutions, Inc. (NASDAQ: KTOS) is a technology, products, system and software company addressing the defense, national security, and commercial markets. Kratos makes true internally funded research, development, capital and other investments, to rapidly develop, produce and field solutions that address our customers' mission critical needs and requirements. At Kratos, affordability is a technology, and we seek to utilize proven, leading-edge approaches and technology, not unproven bleeding edge approaches or technology, with Kratos' approach designed to reduce cost, schedule and risk, enabling us to be first to market with cost effective solutions. We believe that Kratos is known as an innovative disruptive change agent in the industry, a company that is an expert in designing products and systems up front for successful rapid, large quantity, low-cost future manufacturing which is a value-add competitive differentiator for our large traditional prime system integrator partners and also to our government and commercial customers. Kratos intends to pursue program and contract opportunities as the prime or lead contractor when we believe that our probability of win (PWin) is high and any investment required by Kratos is within our capital resource comfort level. We intend to partner and team with a large, traditional system integrator when our assessment of PWin is greater or required investment is beyond Kratos' comfort level. Kratos' primary business areas include virtualized ground systems for satellites and space vehicles including software for command & control (C2) and telemetry, tracking and control (TT&C), jet powered unmanned aerial drone systems, hypersonic vehicles and rocket systems, propulsion systems for drones, missiles, loitering munitions, supersonic systems, space craft and launch systems, C5ISR and microwave electronic products for missile, radar, missile defense, space, satellite, counter UAS, directed energy, communication and other systems, and virtual & augmented reality training systems for the warfighter. For more information, visit www.KratosDefense.com.

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