

Why Alliant Techsystems?

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ATK - World's #1 Producer of Depleted Uranium Munitions

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Manufactures All Three Rocket Motors for the Trident II Nuclear Missile

ATK supplies the rocket motors for many ground and air launched tactical military missiles. ATK is the sole supplier of all three rocket motor stages for the submarine based first strike Trident II nuclear missile. The Trident program is currently undergoing a multi-million dollar motor upgrade designed to extend the life of the program for years. Each Trident submarine carries over eight times the total number of explosives used in World War II by all parties, including the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombs. ATK will 'deliver' the next nuclear holocaust.

Landmines, Cluster Bombs and the XM25 - It Shoots Around Corners!

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Proud to Protect the American Soldier? ATK has 60 International Sales Offices

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