

## MAG wins award from U.S. Department of Defense

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Erlanger-based machine tool manufacturer MAG IAS LLC has received a Manufacturing Technology Achievement Award from the U.S. Department of Defense for its role in a project that's expected to cut \$100 million in costs on the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter program.

MAG was part of a team that developed improved technology for carbon-fiber placement processes used to make F-35 wing skins and jet engine enclosures. The breakthrough increased lay-down rates by about 50 percent.

MAG manufactures fiber-placement and composite tape-laying machinery and systems in Hebron. The DOD's ManTech Achievement Award was established in 1999. MAG's award was presented at the 2011 Defense Manufacturing Conference in Anaheim, Calif., on Nov. 29.

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