

Kratos Expands Oklahoma City Facility to Accelerate Production of Jet Drone Systems



Kratos' Valkyrie uncrewed combat aircraft. Photo credit: Kratos Defense & Security Solutions.

SAN DIEGO – Kratos Defense & Security Solutions Inc., a technology company in the defense, national security and global markets, announced July 7 a major expansion of its

Oklahoma City manufacturing campus with the addition of over 100,000 square feet of manufacturing and production space. The expansion supports increasing customer demand for the company's family of high-performance, affordable jet-powered drone systems, including the Valkyrie collaborative combat aircraft, the Firejet/Mighty Hornet IV and others.

The facility expansion represents Kratos' continued investment in strengthening the United States' defense industrial base through scalable, efficient manufacturing capacity capable of producing affordable, mission-ready systems at quantity and at speed. Today, Kratos produces approximately 165 high-performance jet drones annually, and this expansion will enable the company to further increase production to meet growing demand from the U.S. Department of War and allied customers.

"The future fight demands the ability to rapidly produce affordable, high-performance systems at scale," said Steve Fendley, president of Kratos Unmanned Systems Division. "This expansion in Oklahoma City reflects our long-term commitment to investing ahead of customer demand and building the industrial capacity needed to support the Department of War's modernization priorities. As autonomous systems become increasingly central to the future force, manufacturing readiness and producing at scale will be just as important as technology readiness, maybe more."

The expanded facility will provide additional manufacturing, assembly, integration and test capacity for multiple Kratos tactical jet aircraft programs.

Production will support Valkyrie, the affordable, runway-flexible collaborative combat aircraft selected by the U.S. Marine Corps as the foundation of its Collaborative Combat Aircraft program of record. Designed to operate solo, in swarms, or alongside crewed aircraft while providing additional mass, reach and mission capability, Valkyrie

represents a new generation of affordable autonomous airpower. The expanded facility will also manufacture the Mighty Hornet IV, which is expected to serve as a key tactical capability supporting Taiwan's defense requirements, reflecting growing international demand for affordable, high-performance unmanned systems.

The expanded facility will also support increased production capacity for Kratos' family of high-performance aerial target systems, including the Firejet. Kratos' Firejet system supports realistic operational test, evaluation and weapons training across the U.S. military and allied nations, with demand for advanced target capabilities continuing to grow, including for the test and training of missile, radar, air defense, C-UAS and directed energy weapon systems, and their crews.

Kratos has consistently invested in manufacturing infrastructure, production technologies, and workforce development to ensure the company can deliver affordable systems at the pace and scale required by evolving national security needs. The Oklahoma City expansion is the latest in a series of investments focused on expanding domestic production capacity and strengthening the resilience of the U.S. defense industrial base.