

NEWS UPDATE



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LaBARGE AWARDED \$1.5 MILLION CONTRACT FOR ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS IN F-16 RADAR SYSTEM

ST. LOUIS, May 20, 2010—LaBarge, Inc. (NYSE Amex: LB) has received a \$1.5 million contract from Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) to continue to produce electronic assemblies for the fire control radar system of the F-16 fighter aircraft. LaBarge has supported the program since 2003.

The AN/APG-68 fire control radar provides multiple modes, including long-range, all-aspect detection and tracking, simultaneous multiple target tracking and high-resolution ground mapping. Lockheed Martin is the prime contractor for the F-16 aircraft.

Production on the contract at LaBarge's Huntsville, Ark., facility is expected to begin in December 2010 and continue through May 2011.

LaBarge, Inc. is a broad-based provider of electronics to technology-driven companies in diverse markets. The Company provides its customers with sophisticated electronic and electromechanical products through contract design and manufacturing services. Headquartered in St. Louis, LaBarge has operations in Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Texas and Wisconsin. The Company's Web site may be accessed at <http://www.labarge.com>.

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