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Joint statement from Deputy Secretary of Defense Pat Shanahan, Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer and Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson on their visit to Lockheed Martin's F-35 facility in Fort Worth yesterday:

Visiting Lockheed Martin's Fort Worth facility is part of a broader process to get the military services what is needed for the dollars they can afford. We want to use a variety of techniques to work in a collaborative partnership with industry for the good of the warfighter and taxpayer money.

The Department of Defense needs an affordable and sustainable Joint Strike Fighter that supports warfighter needs. To get this, we must work effectively with industry. We can't underscore enough the important role defense contractors play in ensuring America's military remains the world's preeminent fighting force for decades to come.