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BAE wins contract for armored commercial vehicles

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BAE Systems' Butler County facility has won a \$10 million U.S. government contract to armor SUVs and pickup trucks for commercial use.

The work will be performed at the BAE plant in West Chester Township, with deliveries beginning in 2011, according to a news release.

Global demand for armored commercial vehicles is increasing, said Don Dutton, vice president for BAE's Security & Survivability business, in the release. "Because they're designed to blend in with local, indigenous cultures ... they send out a decidedly different message than military-style vehicles."

The contract is good news for the local facility, where more than 400 employees, mostly temporary, have been laid off in recent months as long-standing defense contracts came to an end.

United Kingdom-based BAE Systems is a global defense and aerospace company with 96,000 employees worldwide. The Security & Survivability division is part of BAE's Land & Armaments business unit that's headquartered in Virginia.

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