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## LOCKHEED MARTIN TO BE AMS CORPORATE PATRON

**January 24, 2017—SEATTLE, WA**—The American Meteorological Society (AMS) announced that Lockheed Martin Corporation will be a Corporate Patron for 2017, continuing for the fifth year as a sole Corporate Patron its support of AMS programs and activities.

Keith Seitter, AMS executive director said, "We are thrilled to have Lockheed Martin supporting AMS again this year. They are an important partner and supporter of our efforts to strengthen the weather, water, and climate community."

AMS provides an important and unique national vehicle for this partnership and brings together parties whose common goal is to support and strengthen the community. Much of the support from Lockheed Martin will fund AMS's Policy Program, headquartered in Washington, DC. The Policy Program promotes understanding and the use of science in the policy process while also helping the nation and the world avoid risks while realizing opportunities in the Earth system.

Jamison Hawkins, Lockheed Martin director, Civil Space & Environmental Programs, said, "As a provider of technologies that have propelled the weather enterprise for decades, we are enthusiastic in our support to AMS. The Society and its members have always put scientific integrity front and center to the benefit of humanity."

Headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, Lockheed Martin is a global security and aerospace company engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products, and services. This includes the November 19 launch GOES-R, the next generation of geostationary weather satellites.

## **About AMS**

Founded in 1919, AMS is the leading voice in promoting and advancing the atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. We are committed to supporting and strengthening the weather, water, and climate community to ensure society fully benefits from scientific education, research, and understanding.

Headquartered in Boston, with an office in Washington DC, AMS has more than 13,000 members, including researchers, scientists, broadcasters, educators, and other professionals, as well as students and weather enthusiasts. AMS publishes books, textbooks, and monographs as well as more than 2,000 articles annually across 11 peer-reviewed scientific journals. AMS set the standard for broadcast meteorologist certification in 1957, and today more than 1,500 broadcasters and consultants are AMS certified. Each year, AMS holds 8 to 12 specialty meetings and an Annual Meeting that draws more than 3,500 attendees. AMS helps inform policy makers of the latest scientific understanding and high-impact research, and promotes Earth Science literacy through initiatives for K—12 teachers and undergraduate institutions across the country.