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### Symetrics gets \$3.5M order

The 160 employees of Symetrics Industries in Melbourne will be kept working for at least 18 months by a \$3.5 million aircraft defense order placed this week by the U.S. Air Force, the company said.

"We may have a need for maybe one or two other positions," Symetrics President and CEO Mitch Garner said. "All of this work will be done in Melbourne."

When a missile is launched against an aircraft, the company's AN/ALE-47 Countermeasures Dispenser System receives information from sensors on the aircraft and releases chaff or a flare to deter a missile. The defense system is on everything from the speedy F-16 to the lumbering C-130. It's been called the "Guardian Angel" by those in the military who use it.

"It's one of the most widely used countermeasures in the world," Garner said.

This marks the 20th delivery order placed against a five-year contract Symetrics won in November 2006.