



First Laser Guided Bomb Kits Produced At NE&SS-Radar Systems

In the photo above, U.S. Senator Rick Santorum (R-Pa.) addresses employees at Naval Electronics & Surveillance Systems (NE&SS)-Radar Systems in Archbald, Pa., at a rollout ceremony held to acknowledge production of the first laser guided bomb kits. The U.S. Navy recently qualified and awarded a contract to Lockheed Martin to produce kits for the Paveway GBU-16 1,000-pound bombs (at right). Each kit consists of a front-end guidance system plus flight-stability fins on the back. The kits significantly improve the accuracy of gravity weapons, or "dumb" bombs. Laser guided bombs are being used extensively in the War on Terrorism.

