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## 2007 Amtech Light Weight Composite Armor Press Release

- In 2003 the Yakama Nation and the Yakima County SEID Board approved the renovation of Amtech leased property located in the Yakama Nation Industrial Park, Since that time Amtech has grown from 35 full time employees to over 150 and is currently seeking to hire an additional 15 in all skill levels.
- In 2004 (to support the United States Marines CONDOR program) Amtech self funded the development and capital equipment necessary to manufacture its first Light Weight Composite Armor material.
- This material defeated the threat level that is known as NIJ 0108.01 Level 3 and STANAG 4569 and satisfied the requirements set forth by the USMC's CONDOR program at that time.
- Unfortunately the terrorists continued to improve their ballistic and blast threat levels at a rate much faster then anticipated and exceeded many of the agreed upon standards.
- LTAS (Long Term Armor Strategy) was formed by the United States Army to develop requirements to stay ahead of terrorists capabilities. Working with LTAS Amtech positioned itself to support the program.
- In 2005 and 2006 with the assistance and support of Senator Cantwell, Senator Murray, Congressman Dicks, and Congressman Hastings, Amtech presented a white paper requesting funding to meet the newest LTAS requirements with a composite material that is lighter then steel (to improve vehicle maintainability) offering equal to or better protection for our men and women in uniform.
- In October 2006 Amtech was awarded a One Million Dollar Plus -Up to help carry out its mission.
- We are very thankful that Senator Cantwell took the lead and that Senator Murray, Congressman Dicks, and Congressman Hastings, joined in non partisan support of this initiative to support the war-fighter and bring desperately needed innovations to market!