

ETI / STARWIN FINISHES Q4 WITH EXPANDED F-35 DELTA CONTRACT SUPPORTING ALL 3 VARIANTS

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[EINPresswire.com/](https://www.f35.com) -- ETI / Starwin, a U.S.-based aerospace and defense manufacturer supporting mission-critical Department of Defense programs, announced today that it has been awarded an expanded contract to manufacture and deliver a comprehensive suite of specialized precision components, assemblies, fixtures, adapters, inspection tools, and munition handling systems in support of the F-35 Lightning II program.



The award covers multiple equipment families and functional assemblies required to support F-35A, F-35B, and F-35C maintenance, inspection, servicing, and sustainment operations—directly enabling aircraft availability, safety, and readiness across depot and operational environments.

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT: F-35 SUSTAINMENT AT SCALE

The F-35 Lightning II remains the backbone of U.S. and allied tactical airpower, integrating stealth, sensor fusion, and advanced propulsion across a rapidly expanding global fleet. As operational tempo increases and aircraft transition deeper into sustainment-heavy phases, precision-built, flight-adjacent ground support equipment becomes a decisive readiness enabler.

Under this award, ETI Starwin supports:

- Carrier operations and wing-fold handling
 - STOVL lift-fan servicing and vertical-lift support
 - Engine, inlet, and thermal management maintenance
 - Canopy, ammunition, and countermeasure servicing
 - Internal inspection, gauging, and alignment
 - Structural protection and aircraft interface tooling
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EXPANDED SCOPE: WHAT THIS AWARD INCLUDES

Beyond previously announced wins, this contract expands ETI / Starwin's role to include a broad portfolio of F-35-specific equipment, including:

- Lift, handling, and support adapters
- Propulsion, hydraulic, and cooling system tooling
- Precision gage sets and inspection systems
- Canopy, inlet, and structural protection fixtures
- Ammunition handling and weapons-interface tooling
- Installation, servicing, and alignment tool sets
- Custom and modified off-the-shelf GSE assemblies

This scope reflects prime- and government-level confidence in ETI / Starwin's ability to deliver repeatable, compliant, safety-critical hardware across multiple variants and maintenance disciplines.

Q4 MOMENTUM: \$15M+ IN NEW WARFIGHTER AWARDS

During the fourth quarter alone, ETI Starwin secured over \$15 million in new contract awards spanning multiple warfighter platforms across the U.S. aerospace and defense enterprise. These awards reflect a clear industry shift as operational intensity escalates and long-standing global supply chain constraints continue to challenge legacy suppliers.

As a result, ETI Starwin is increasingly relied upon as a high-trust manufacturing partner for:

- Tight-tolerance metallic components
- Complex machined and welded assemblies
- Mission-critical hardware

This momentum positions ETI Starwin as a more valuable and trusted supplier within the Air Dominance and Advanced Aviation Divisions of the U.S. Government and Department of Defense, where precision planning and execution are non-negotiable.

WHAT SETS ETI STARWIN APART

ETI / Starwin operates in a segment of the defense industrial base where few companies can execute at scale.

Key differentiators include:

- Extremely tight tolerance metallic components and assemblies
- Proven execution on fifth-generation platforms
- AS9100, IUID, source inspection, and DD250 compliance
- DPAS-rated, warfighter-priority production
- End-to-end lifecycle support from first article through sustainment
- Rapid delivery of low-volume precision components and assemblies

“The volume and diversity of awards we’ve secured in Q4 reflect a broader shift occurring across the defense industrial base. As programs intensify and supply chains are stress-tested, ETI / Starwin is emerging as a trusted, execution-focused partner capable of supporting the most demanding air combat platforms in the world.” - Andrew Chavez, President of ETI / Starwin

STRATEGIC IMPACT

Together, these awards:

- Deepen ETI / Starwin’s embedded role in F-35 sustainment
- Demonstrate cross-platform relevance beyond a single program
- Validate the company’s position in high-barrier, air-dominance manufacturing
- Create a durable pipeline for follow-on production and lifecycle support

As global security demands increase, ETI / Starwin remains committed to delivering mission-ready solutions that keep aircraft flying, maintainers equipped, and the warfighter prepared.

About ETI / Starwin

ETI / Starwin is a U.S.-based aerospace and defense manufacturer providing precision metallic components, assemblies, tooling, and sustainment solutions for the Department of Defense and leading prime and tier 1 contractors.

Headquartered in Dayton, Ohio, ETI / Starwin operates with an uncompromising focus on quality, compliance, and execution—serving as an extension of the warfighter across every program it supports.

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