



ITT realignment to affect Rochester unit

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ITT Corp. is merging its Rochester-based space systems division with its night vision division as part of a larger restructuring of the company's massive defense business.

The new geospatial systems division will be based in Rochester. The night vision division currently is based in Roanoke, Va.

In the realignment announced Tuesday, ITT is combining seven business units into three: electronic systems in New Jersey, information systems in Virginia and geospatial systems in Rochester.

"The defense market is changing," said geospatial systems President Christopher Young. "It's coming away from some of the work that's driven ITT defense as a whole. One of the big requests we're getting from our customers is they're looking for integrated network solutions, not as interested in widgets per se."

ITT, whose corporate headquarters are in White Plains, Westchester County, had revenue of \$8 billion for the first nine months of 2009 — \$4.7 billion of that from its defense business.

The defense wing of the company, now renamed Defense and Information Solutions, employs roughly 24,000 people. The realignment will result in a cut of 2 percent to 3 percent of the work force this year, spokesman David Albritton said.

The space systems division employs more than 1,600 in Rochester and 2,700 nationally. The new geospatial systems division will employ 4,600 nationally, Young said.

He said the geospatial systems division will see job reductions primarily in its back-office business functions. He could not give specifics about job cuts in the division but downplayed them.

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