



# Kodiak AI and General Dynamics Land Systems Form Strategic Collaboration For Autonomous Ground Vehicles

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*The companies are integrating Kodiak's AI-powered virtual driver into ruggedized platforms to create autonomous military vehicles at scale*

*The companies will pursue U.S. Army vehicle proposals together, extending beyond their first joint project, the Leonidas Autonomous Ground Vehicle*

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. and STERLING HEIGHTS, Mich., May 07, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Kodiak AI, Inc.](#) ("Kodiak") (Nasdaq: KDK), a leading provider of Physical AI-powered autonomous vehicle technology and [General Dynamics Land Systems](#), part of the Fortune 100 General Dynamics group (NYSE: GD), today announced a strategic collaboration to create autonomous ground vehicles (AGVs) for defense applications.

Through this collaboration, Kodiak will provide the Kodiak Driver, its Physical AI-powered virtual driver that is operating driverlessly today, demonstrating the ability to scale autonomous operations beyond controlled testing. General Dynamics Land Systems will lead vehicle integration, power systems, communications and ruggedized platform development.

The companies will pursue upcoming U.S. Army and international opportunities to expand their joint vehicle portfolio.

Their collaboration establishes a scalable autonomy capability that can be applied across multiple military vehicle platforms and mission sets. The companies [recently unveiled](#) their first vehicle together, the Leonidas AGV, which is equipped with Epirus' Leonidas high-power microwave platform for mobile counter-drone operations.

To build the Leonidas AGV, General Dynamics Land Systems and Kodiak adapted a commercial Ford F-600 truck to showcase operational value to warfighters and support a range of autonomous mission sets, including logistics resupply, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR), and maneuver operations. The companies selected the Ford truck in response to the Pentagon's "commercial-first" strategy, which prioritizes adapting commercial systems to reduce acquisition costs, utilize established supply chains and accelerate deployment timelines. Adapting a commercial vehicle platform for the military ensures reliability and lower unit costs while reducing technical risk and accelerating time to field.

"This collaboration directly meets the U.S. military's need for scalable, adaptable, and cost-effective autonomous ground vehicles operating forward in contested environments while reducing risk to service members," said Don Burnette, Founder and CEO of Kodiak. "General Dynamics Land Systems' expertise in defense ground vehicle development and integration is world-class and makes it an ideal partner to deploy Kodiak's AI-powered autonomy system across a wide range of platforms."

"Kodiak's autonomous solution complements our strength in quickly and efficiently delivering mission-ready vehicles to Soldiers and Marines around the world," said Keith Barclay, Vice President and General Manager of U.S. Operations at General Dynamics Land Systems. "Together, we are focused on giving our customers the power to win by collaborating on flexible, commercially inspired platforms that can be rapidly adapted."

## About Kodiak AI, Inc.

Kodiak AI, Inc. was founded in 2018 and is a leading provider of AI-powered autonomous vehicle technology designed to help tackle some of the toughest driving jobs. Kodiak's driverless solution addresses the critical problem of safely transporting goods in the face of unprecedented supply chain challenges. Kodiak's vision is to become the trusted world leader in autonomous ground transportation. Kodiak is committed to a safer and more efficient future for all through the commercialization of driverless technology at scale. To that end, Kodiak developed the Kodiak Driver, a virtual driver that combines advanced AI-powered software with modular and vehicle-agnostic hardware designed to help address Kodiak's customers' needs. The Kodiak Driver is not just an idea—it is operating without anyone in the cab today. Kodiak serves customers in the long-haul trucking, industrial trucking, and defense industries. In 2024, Kodiak achieved a historic milestone by becoming the first company to deploy customer-owned and -operated driverless trucks in commercial service.

For more information about Kodiak, please visit <https://kodiak.ai/investors>. Kodiak's press kit with videos and images can be found [HERE](#).

## About General Dynamics Land Systems

General Dynamics Land Systems provides innovative design, engineering, technology, production and full life-cycle support for land combat vehicles around the globe. The company's extensive experience, customer-first focus and seasoned supply chain

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network provide unmatched capabilities to the U.S. military and its allies. More information about General Dynamics Land Systems is available at [www.gdls.com](http://www.gdls.com).

### **About General Dynamics**

General Dynamics is a global aerospace and defense company that offers a broad portfolio of products and services in business aviation; ship construction and repair; land combat vehicles, weapons systems and munitions; and technology products and services. General Dynamics employs more than 110,000 people worldwide and generated \$52.6 billion in revenue in 2025. More information about General Dynamics is available at [www.gd.com](http://www.gd.com).

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