



## **Northrop Grumman Announces \$337 Million Task Order for Development of Homeland Secure Data Network**

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HERNDON, Va., Apr 21, 2004 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) has been awarded a seven-year, \$337 million task order in support of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to design, operate and maintain the department's classified network infrastructure for its headquarters and directorates nationwide.

As part of the task order award by General Services Administration Federal Technology Service under the Millennium Government Wide Acquisition Contract, Northrop Grumman's Information Technology (IT) sector will provide secure network services for a pre-defined number of Department of Homeland Security and directorate locations including approximately 600 federal, state and local sites, such as the Department of Homeland Security, other federal agencies, state and local governments, and law enforcement organizations.

This task order expands Northrop Grumman's growing wide-area network services and telecommunications business base. Northrop Grumman is one of the largest providers of information-security services to federal agencies, providing classified networks for several government customers.

"The secure data network will streamline and modernize the classified data capabilities to facilitate high-quality and high-value classified data communication and collaboration within the Department of Homeland Security and with other federal agencies and organizations," said Wood Parker, president of Northrop Grumman IT's Federal Enterprise Solutions business unit. "Our team's experience and technical expertise will ensure the department meets its mission of a scalable, secure infrastructure to support growth and evolution."

"This high-speed data network is a vital backbone for enabling intelligence data to flow between federal, state and local law enforcement," said Dave Zolet, Northrop Grumman's vice president of Homeland Security. "This data interoperability across many jurisdictions is critical to our nation's war on terrorism."

As part of the secure data network task order, Northrop Grumman is providing the InfoShield(TM) security solution to the Department of Homeland Security, which will safeguard information and infrastructure resources. Northrop Grumman's InfoShield(TM) solution creates a foundation for responding to each change and provides a powerful line of defense against cyber- terrorism.

The InfoShield(TM) security solution applies layered security and an integrated life cycle approach, establishing multiple barriers to protect data and information infrastructures. This solution handles all levels of information assurance requirements, supports secure teaming among customers and suppliers, balances enterprise security with operational flexibility and accessibility, establishes a framework to address current and future threats, and complies with all interoperability requirements, among many other benefits.

This task order award will initially create 60 new jobs for Northrop Grumman in Fairfax, Va., with expansion up to 150 positions in 2005.

As part of the task order, Northrop Grumman's Mission Systems sector will lead feasibility studies of classified network implementation and provide applications for integration support.

Other Northrop Grumman teammates are: Lockheed Martin Corp., Bethesda, Md.; Raytheon Company, Waltham, Mass.; SRA International, Fairfax, Va.; BearingPoint, Inc., McLean, Va.; CHM, Inc., Virginia Beach, Va.; ITS Services, Inc., Springfield, Va.; Level 3 Communications, Broomfield, Colo.; Telos Corp., Ashburn, Va.; Touchstone Consulting Group Inc., Washington, D.C.; and Omen, Inc., Annapolis Junction, Md.

Northrop Grumman Information Technology, based in Herndon, Va., is a leading provider of information technology solutions and services to federal agencies, defense, state and local government, and commercial clients. The company's technological leadership spans such areas as homeland security solutions, secure wireless, cyber and physical assurance, IT and network infrastructure, managed services, knowledge management, modeling and simulation, and geospatial intelligence solutions.

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