



Northrop Grumman Wins Three Biometrics and Identity Management Contracts

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RESTON, Va., Jan. 23, 2007 (PRIME NEWSWIRE) -- Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE:NOC) recently won three new biometrics and identity management contracts focused primarily on the intelligence and counterintelligence aspects of biometric technologies in asymmetrical, or non-traditional, warfare.

The contracts, valued at more than \$20 million, were awarded by the U.S. Army, The National Ground Intelligence Center, and Harding Security Associates, McLean, Va. to Northrop Grumman's Mission Systems sector.

Biometrics is the science of identifying individuals through the collection of biological data, such as fingerprints, facial recognition or iris scans. The flurry of wins covers the full spectrum of U.S. Department of Defense biometric technologies and continues Northrop Grumman's leadership in the biometrics intelligence field.

"These efforts further build on Northrop Grumman's industry leadership role in the biometric market for intelligence in asymmetrical warfare and continue its thrust to place the company in the forefront of the newly-developing field of identity management," said Barry Rhine, vice president and general manager of Northrop Grumman's Defense Mission Systems business unit.

Recent wins include:

Biometric Intelligence Resource (BIR) Program: The National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC), Charlottesville, Va., chose Northrop Grumman to be the prime contractor for this one-year \$7.5 million program. The company will develop the second generation BIR system for the NGIC, the designated repository for the Department of Defense information intelligence systems biometric-related intelligence.

Army Intelligence Master Plan Contract for Biometric Analytical Support: Northrop Grumman has received a \$5.2 million addition to an existing contract to support analysis designed to improve understanding of the impact of the biometric environment on war fighting. These studies support U.S. counter-asymmetrical warfare efforts in the global war on terrorism.

Biometric Intelligence Project (BIP): Northrop Grumman is subcontracted with Harding Security Associates, McLean, Va., on the NGIC's four-year BIP Support, Analysis & Forensic Services contract. This four-year effort is valued at \$3 million per year for the company, which will assist the NGIC in the collection, forensic analysis and exploitation of biometric information.

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