



U.S. Army Awards Northrop Grumman Integrated DoD Biometrics System-of-Systems Enterprise Solution Contract

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MCLEAN, Va., Jan. 22, 2007 (PRIME NEWSWIRE) -- Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE:NOC) has been awarded a contract by the General Services Administration, Federal Systems Integration and Management Center, for the U.S. Army PEO-EIS, to provide an integrated Department of Defense (DoD) biometrics system-of-systems enterprise solution that will integrate their worldwide biometrics efforts.

The contract is valued at approximately \$75 million to Northrop Grumman's Information Technology (IT) sector.

"This contract is significant to Northrop Grumman due to the growing importance of biometrics in winning the global war on terrorism," said Jill Kale, vice president of Enterprise Applications and Systems Integration for Northrop Grumman IT's Defense group. "This biometrics system will be the DoD's biometric repository for all identification types, linking to the intelligence community and civilian agencies, all in a focused effort to address the war on terrorism."

Under the terms of the contract, Northrop Grumman will provide program management, systems engineering and support for the automated biometric identification system. The company will also design, develop and field an enterprise solution that will include the central biometric repository, and also the tactical identification collection, enrollment and verification, allowing for near real-time retain, capture, or release data to be sent to the warfighter.

This effort will support the DoD biometric mission by operating and enhancing a biometric identification repository, associated search and retrieval services, and interfaces with existing and planned DoD and interagency biometrics systems. The Northrop Grumman solution will interface with collection systems, intelligence systems, and other biometric repositories already deployed. This solution is multi-modal, to include finger, face, iris and palm identification.

Northrop Grumman will add approximately 50 new jobs to support this contract with a majority of the positions located in West Virginia. Work on the contract will be performed in West Virginia, Fort Belvoir, Va., and Iraq.

Northrop Grumman's teammates on this contract include Ideal Innovations Inc., Arlington, Va.; L-1 Identity Solutions, Inc., Stamford, Conn.; and NEW-BOLD Enterprises, Inc., Fairmont, W.Va.

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