

Global Science & Technology to Bring More High Tech Jobs to West Virginia and Maryland

Additional Staff to Support New Task Orders For NOAA Contract

Fairmont, WV— Global Science & Technology, Inc.(GST) kicks off a major high tech recruitment effort in support of its Joint Venture partnership known as Diversified Global Partners JV LLC (DGP), after being awarded new task orders to continue developing and maintaining the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Comprehensive Large Array data Stewardship System (CLASS). The contract has a maximum ordering value of \$200 million over the potential nine-year period of performance.

The CLASS program supports the mission of the NOAA's Satellite and Information Service to archive and disseminate environmental data. The development of CLASS is a long term, evolutionary process that incorporates current and new environmental data into the CLASS architecture. The primary services provided to CLASS are resource planning, system engineering, development, test, integration, and maintenance. GST has been supporting CLASS with high-quality technical, engineering, and management solutions for many years.

"We are planning to hire more than 30 new positions in West Virginia and Maryland," explained GST President and DGP Board Member Chieh-san Cheng. "The demand for environmental data continues to grow as does the volume of data archived, and with that growth, our team enjoys the opportunity to continue to hire additional talented staff."

The types of IT professionals immediately needed include systems engineers, application engineers, test engineers, and application programmers.

During the second contract year, some of the key activities include: completing mission activities for the NPOESS Preparatory Project (NPP); evolving the CLASS system architecture to meet the challenges of massively higher data volumes from an expanding set of data producers; initiating a five-year CLASS software evolution plan; and developing CLASS software to allow federated access to CLASS data assets as well as the assets of other existing archives.

CLASS is NOAA's premiere online facility for the archive and distribution of NOAA and U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) weather satellite data and products. These include Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellites (POES) and Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellites (GOES). CLASS has a large stakeholder base that consists of diverse users that range from research scientists to weather forecasters to private sector industry

"We are extremely fortunate that this highly visible and significant work is being performed right here in West Virginia." said DGP Board Member and GST Vice President & West Virginia Division General Manager, Brian Bell. "It creates secure and long-term employment opportunities for IT professionals, and contributes to the growing high technology community in the heart of West Virginia's High Tech Corridor."



The vast CLASS data-storehouse now holds 8.3 million archived files totaling over 98 terabytes. The archive contains weather observations that reach as far back as the 1890s. By 2010, CLASS will be collecting an estimated 5,137 terabytes or per year from existing and next-generation satellites and other sources. Currently, GST performs software design, development and testing activities for NOAA/CLASS in Fairmont, WV; Boulder, CO; Asheville, NC and Greenbelt and Suitland, MD.

The DGP NOAA/CLASS Team consists of the following companies: Diversified Global Partners JV LLC (Prime Contractor); DB Consulting Group, Inc. (JV Partner); Global Science & Technology, Inc. (GST) (JV Partner); and Computer Science Corporation (CSC) (Major Subcontractor).

About Global Science & Technology

Global Science & Technology, Inc. was founded in 1991. Currently, GST has offices in five locations: Greenbelt, Maryland; Washington, DC; Fairmont, West Virginia; Boulder, Colorado; Asheville, North Carolina; and Huntsville, Alabama.

GST has built a highly specialized workforce that includes experts in key domains of engineering, science, communications, and information technology. GST provides all levels of scientific and technical expertise and support within the federal Research and Development (R&D) laboratory environment. Major clients include the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), NASA Headquarters (HQ), NOAA, Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Justice (DOJ), and the State of West Virginia. Much of the company's work has been in direct support of NASA and NOAA science missions and related data systems. Global Science & Technology's signature emphasis is on systems interoperability and solutions based on open standards to create efficiencies and reduce overall cost of operations.

About Diversified Global Partners JV LLC

Diversified Global Partners was formed as a Limited Liability Company (LLC) in the State of Delaware on October 2, 2006. The JV is jointly owned and managed by (Joint Venture) JV Partners DB Consulting and GST. DB and GST entered into an SBA-approved Mentor-Protégé Agreement on April 23, 2004. DGP was formed for the specific purpose of responding to the CLASS Request For Proposal and performing the CLASS contract.

Hundreds of such mentor-protégé joint ventures are currently performing Federal Government contracts. Just one example is the mentor-protégé joint venture between Global Science & Technology, Inc., and DB Consulting Group, Inc., which, as the joint venture DGR JV, LLC, is presently performing a contract for business and IT services for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA's) Headquarters in Washington, DC, the NASA Headquarters Research and Education Support Services (NRESS) contract.

