

## Global Science & Technology wins federal contract Project worth more than \$2.7M for 2008 year



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**Software Engineer Jeffery Toothman** (front left), Senior Software Engineer Melissa Preston, Applications Programmer Ronald Gore (back left) and Senior Software Engineer Michael Hamilton are four members of the West Virginia NOAA/CLASS team at Global Science & Technology facility in Fairmont.

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FAIRMONT — Global Science & Technology, Inc. announced that its Joint Venture partnership known as Diversified Global Partners JV LLC has been awarded a contract to develop and maintain 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 contract has a value of \$2,768,433 for the 2008 fiscal year, with the potential for future task order awards. The 2008 fiscal year ends Sept. 30.

“During the last several years, it has been extremely rewarding to collaborate with NOAA to develop and maintain the current CLASS system,” said Global Science & Technology Inc. President Chieh-san Cheng. “We’re tremendously pleased that our partnership will continue where we can work with NOAA to deliver the next-level capability of the system.”



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 longterm, 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 operations and maintenance. Global Science & Technology has been supporting CLASS with high-quality technical, engineering, and management solutions for many years.

"CLASS is an outstanding example of a shared government resource that serves many stakeholders and reduces the overall cost of archiving petabytes of valuable environmental data," said Global Science & Technology-West Virginia Division Vice President and General Manager Brian Bell.

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

Gov. Joe Manchin said that the NOAA/CLASS contract win by the Global Science & Technology team will benefit West Virginia's economy.

"Global Science & Technology and its joint venture partnership is the right choice for the continued success of the CLASS program," Manchin said. "Global Science & Technology has long supported West Virginia's economy by creating many high-tech jobs and by winning this major contract, they are proving to be a worldwide leader in the field of managing important environmental data."

U.S. Small Business Administration West Virginia Director Judy McCauley said, "We are extremely pleased that Global Science & Technology, a graduate of the U.S. Small Business Administration's 8(a) certification program and participant in the Small Disadvantaged Business program, was part of the team awarded a multi-year Federal contract from NOAA. This minorityowned small business is an outstanding example for participants of SBA's certification programs and all West Virginia businesses to look to as a government contracting success story."

Global Science & Technology has been performing the bulk of the NOAA/CLASS work in Fairmont. The recent contract win will mean even more work and jobs for the community. Marion County Chamber President Tina Shaw is excited about the announcement, and complimented Global Science & Technology for its continued support of the community.



“The Marion County Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Global Science & Technology and its joint venture partnership on this announcement,” Shaw said. “Global Science & Technology has been a strong corporate partner with our Chamber, consistently supporting the business community. Their deep commitment to Marion County is evident and we are proud of their dedication to enhance the economic environment in our community.”