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Global Science & Technology Part of Team Awarded \$200 Million Contract to Maintain Environmental Data Archive & Distribution Project

Greenbelt, MD—Global Science & Technology, Inc., proudly 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 September 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 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 O&M. 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 DGP Chairman and DB Consulting Group, Inc. President Gerald Boyd, Jr. “DGP and its Joint Venture partner companies Global Science & Technology and DB Consulting appreciate this opportunity to continue to provide high quality services to NOAA.”

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.

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The vast CLASS data-storehouse now holds 8.3 million archived files totaling 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 5.1 petabytes per year from existing and next-generation satellites and other sources. Currently, Global Science & Technology performs software design, development and testing activities for NOAA/CLASS in Fairmont, WV; Boulder, CO; 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).

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About Global Science & Technology

Global Science & Technology, Inc. was founded in 1991. Currently, Global Science & Technology has offices in five locations: Greenbelt, Maryland; Washington, DC; Fairmont, West Virginia; Boulder, Colorado; and Huntsville, Alabama. Global Science & Technology has built a highly specialized workforce that includes experts in key domains of engineering, science, communications, and information technology. Global Science & Technology provides all levels of scientific and technical expertise and support within the federal Research and Development (R&D) laboratory environment. Global Science & Technology's 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 Global Science & Technology'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

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 co-venturers 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.

