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Small Businesses Partner with Lockheed Martin To Develop FBI Next Generation Identification Program Ten-Year Project Valued Near \$1 Billion

FAIRMONT, W.Va. – Global Science & Technology, Inc. (GST) and Innovative Management & Technology Services (IMTS), both located in Fairmont, W.Va., will join Lockheed Martin Corp. in developing a new state-of-the-art biometric project for the FBI’s Criminal Justice Information Services Division (CJIS).

“As small businesses, GST and IMTS complement each other very well and collectively provide a value-added package for the entire team,” said Brian Bell, vice president of GST’s West Virginia division. “We couldn’t be happier that IMTS is on the team.”

“As an SBA 8(a) certified company, IMTS always appreciates the opportunity to work with companies whose leadership and technical merits have led to successful transition beyond the 8(a) program,” said Chirag Patel, CEO of IMTS. “GST is a prime example of this transition and a wonderful asset to the West Virginia small business community.”

The project, called the Next Generation Identification System, will expand fingerprint capacity and significantly increasing the size of the current database. The new system will include palm prints, iris and facial recognition capabilities. It also requires a significant degree of technical flexibility to accommodate other biometric modalities that may mature and become important to law enforcement in the future. NGI is potentially a ten-year contract valued at \$1 billion.

“We are proud to be part of the Lockheed Martin team on the FBI NGI program,” said Bell. “By partnering with Lockheed Martin, the FBI will have access to our West Virginia Division’s long and innovative experience in biometric research, development and management.”

“We are truly honored to be part of NGI, one of the most sophisticated and essential programs vital to increasing the security of the United States,” stated Patel.

“IMTS has been a long-standing partner of Lockheed Martin supporting numerous activities at CJIS and we appreciate the opportunity to offer our biometrics and systems engineering expertise to NGI,” added Jeff Tucker, chief technology officer of IMTS.

GST and IMTS used the U.S. Small Business Administration’s certification programs to develop their businesses. Both are certified under the SBA’s Small Disadvantaged Businesses (SDB) program. IMTS is a current and GST a former participant in the SBA’s 8(a) Business Development program.

“We are very proud of both IMTS and GST partnership on the monumental NGI program,” said SBA’s district director Judy McCauley. “It is a direct reflection of their ability to take the knowledge and experiences obtained as participants of SBA’s certification programs and succeed in the federal marketplace.”

The SBA certification programs are meant to ensure a fair portion of purchases, contracts and sub-contracts are placed with small businesses. Certification programs available through the SBA include: the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) program; the 8(a) Business Development program, the Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) program; and the Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) program.

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