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Black Coral Announces Public Safety Canada Contract Award

Ottawa, Canada – Black Coral Inc. (www.blackcoral.net) announced today that it has been awarded a contract by Public Safety Canada to establish an operational application to share and access geospatial data and information between federal government public safety departments in order to improve situational awareness. Among others, the project's deliverables include: a) developing a common situation picture application to enable the sharing of geospatial data and information between participating government organizations; and b) developing a draft standard for specifying the interfaces for sharing data and services among the Public Safety Community of Practice through the adoption and profiling of existing standards. The Public Safety GeoInfoExchange Project will benefit directly from the use of the new Black Coral SERVER product. The main capability of Black Coral SERVER is to provide a virtual community with the ability to share information that has geospatial relevance.

“In order to meet the requirements of the GeoInfoExchange Project, Black Coral is pleased to be teaming with Amec Americas, CAE Professional Services, ESRI Canada, and Powerscourt Innovations”, said Douglas Duncan, Black Coral’s president and CEO. “Together, we look forward to demonstrating our ability to enable improved decision making in the public safety community by implementing a shared situational awareness and interoperability solution.”

Public Safety Canada obtained support for this project from GeoConnections, a national partnership initiative led by Natural Resources Canada.

About Black Coral

Black Coral Inc. is an Ottawa-based product and services company developing geospatial collaboration and information sharing capabilities that enable better outcomes for personnel and tactical teams operating in emergency response and military environments. Black Coral provides geospatial situational awareness products and data exchange capabilities that permit teams of users to share various types of information, track assets and communicate in real time using digital mapping software. In addition, the company provides a range of product and customer support services, including integration services. Black Coral's products and services are specifically designed to enable better communication, collaboration and coordination in multi-team, multi-agency emergency response and military operations.

About Amec Americas

AMEC plc is an international project management and services company that designs, delivers and supports infrastructure assets for customers across the public and private sectors. AMEC employs more than 20,000 people working from a network of offices throughout the UK, US and Canada, as well as regional offices and projects worldwide. AMEC's Earth & Environmental operation is a global environmental, geotechnical, materials, water resource and program management business which employs some 3,000 employees. The specialty services provided by AMEC's Ottawa office for this project includes our geospatial expertise in Project Management and Application Development.

About ESRI Canada

Established in 1984, ESRI Canada is a Canadian owned company specializing in geographic information systems (GIS) solutions. The company distributes the world's leading GIS software solutions from ESRI Inc., Miner and Miner, and Azteca. In order to provide organizations with complete industry-specific solutions, ESRI Canada has established an extensive business partner program that includes more than 125 Canadian organizations. ESRI Canada also provides professional services including consulting, training, technical support, and enterprise GIS implementation. The company is a leader in providing world-class enterprise GIS solutions for many industries including local government, utilities, public safety and defence, business demographics, education, natural resources, and transportation. ESRI Canada has thirteen regional offices across the country, with headquarters in Toronto, Ontario.

About Powerscourt Innovations

Located in Ottawa, Ontario, Powerscourt Innovations Inc. provides consulting in the fields of defence intelligence, geomatics, disaster management, public security, natural resources, and environment with a specialization in information management, business process engineering, business architecture, standards development, and project management. Clients include the Canadian Department of National Defence, UK Ministry of Defence, NATO C3 Agency, US Department of Defense, Natural Resources Canada and Public Safety Canada.

About GeoConnections

GeoConnections is a national partnership program, led by Natural Resources Canada, that is evolving and expanding an on-line resource. This resource — the Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure — enables Canadians to use and combine maps and satellite images over the Internet to gain new insights into social, environmental and economic issues. For more information on GeoConnections and the Canadian Geospatial Data Infrastructure, please visit www.cgdi.ca.