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ATCO, INUPIAT PARTNERSHIP AWARDED U.S. DEFENCE CONTRACT

Air Force Awards Contract For Alaska Radar System

CALGARY, Alberta – ARCTEC Alaska, a joint venture between ATCO Frontec and Arctic Slope World Services, was today selected by the United States Air Force to manage and maintain the Alaska Radar System for up to 10 years.

The joint venture company, partnering ATCO Frontec and the Alaska Native- owned Arctic Slope World Services Inc., was awarded a one-year contract with nine, one-year renewal options by Air Force Command. The estimated value over the 10 years is approximately (U.S.) \$400 million.

The new contract calls for ARCTEC Alaska to operate and maintain the Alaska Radar System electronics, the support systems and the Maintenance Control and Communications Centre at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Alaska.

The electronics system consists of 15 long-range radars and three short-range radars spread over 590,000 square miles of Alaska, including 10 radar sites located above the Arctic Circle. The Alaska Radar System, which ATCO Frontec and Arctic Slope World Services Inc. have maintained since 1994, provides more than two million square miles of radar coverage to the Alaska North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) region and operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

“For 10 years we have been recognized repeatedly for exceeding contract requirements and delivering exceptional performance,” said Harry Wilmot, President, ATCO Frontec. “It is critical that every radar functions at optimum capacity so that space surveillance, attack warning, intercept control and navigational assistance is available to military and civilian aircraft.”

It is ARCTEC Alaska’s commitment to the United States National Security Program that has resulted in this superior track record, said Fred Wisely, President and Chief Executive Officer of Arctic Slope World Services.

“We are committed to continuously providing superior support both now and in the future,” said Mr. Wisely.

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In addition to the Alaska Radar System Project, ARCTEC Services, another joint venture between ATCO Frontec and Arctic Slope World Services is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the radar, communication and computer systems of the Colorado Springs-based Solid State Phased Array Radar System, a network of five worldwide sites that track orbiting satellites and ballistic missiles.

Closely aligned with the Alaska Radar System is Canada's North Warning System that links 46 radar sites located across the Canadian Arctic from Yukon to Labrador. The System is operated and managed by Nasittuq Corporation, a joint venture corporation owned by ATCO Frontec and Pan Arctic Inuit Logistics Corporation. A contract originally awarded to ATCO Frontec in 1988, Nasittuq was awarded a renewal contract in March 2002 for up to 10 years. Combined, the Alaska Radar System and North Warning System are the essential components for the operations of NORAD and for the safe passage of civilian aircraft.

"Clearly, our ability to deliver critical air defence work both in Canada and the United States, is demonstrated through these contract awards," said Mr. Wilmot.

ATCO Frontec, part of the Logistics and Energy Services Group of the ATCO Group of Companies, is a leader in camp support services, installation and integration of radar and communications systems and facilities management for the resource, telecommunications, transportation, and defence industries.

Arctic Slope World Services Inc., based in Colorado Springs, specializes in the operations and maintenance of radar, electronics and communications systems, logistic support and operations and management of facilities. The company has operating locations in various states as well as Greenland and England.

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