

Boeing Team Selected for Next Stage of NIMA Softcopy Search Program

Boeing [NYSE:BA], a major developer of data processing and image analysis software, leads the team selected for the next stage of the Softcopy Search development program managed by the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA).

The objective of the Softcopy Search development program is to demonstrate a technology solution that can be used to efficiently search and manage national and commercial digital imagery that has been collected from wide geographic areas. Using softcopy image search tools, NIMA and other government agencies will be able to easily manage, utilize and disseminate digital softcopy imagery in support of national security.

For the Phase II development, the Boeing team is demonstrating an integrated solution that combines proven commercial data management products with off-the-shelf software integration and imagery analysis tools. The Boeing team is comprised of Boeing Space and Intelligence Systems, Springfield, Va.; Sensor Systems Inc., Sterling, Va.; and PAR Government Systems Corp., Rome, NY.

The Boeing team participated in the Phase I demonstration effort that concluded in February 2003 and then advanced to Phase II, Spiral 1. The team completed Spiral 1 in July and now advances to the next stage, Spiral 2, which continues through February 2004.

"As a longtime NIMA supplier, we're pleased to be part of this development effort, which once again demonstrates NIMA's commitment to finding new and innovative image analysis solutions," said John Werle, general manager of Boeing Space and Intelligence Systems Washington Operations. "The ultimate goal will be to deploy a modern system that works with digital images and automatically detects changes in geographic features using advanced software tools, systems and processes providing increased utility through automation."

The Boeing team's solution incorporates Boeing's DataMaster® and SQS™ data management products, RemoteView, an imagery analysis tool from Sensor Systems Inc., and PAR Government Systems Corp.'s GeoWare geospatial analysis tools.

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