Boeing Teams with Phacil on Mentor-Protégé Agreement under U.S. Army Future Combat System Program

The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] today announced a mentor-protégé agreement with Phacil, Inc., as part of its commitment to promote small business participation on the U.S. Army's Future Combat System (FCS) program. Boeing and partner Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) function as the Lead Systems Integrator (LSI) for FCS, a development program at the core of Army modernization with a contract value in excess of $20 billion for a period of performance spanning 2003 through 2014.

The Department of Defense mentor-protégé program pairs large companies with eligible small businesses to enhance their capabilities and enable them to successfully compete for larger, more complex prime contract and subcontract awards. As mentor, Boeing will provide technical, business development and management support, and participate in technology transfers to help Phacil grow its revenues and client base.

"Boeing is excited about establishing a mutually beneficial relationship with Phacil," said Steve Marion, senior program director, FCS Supplier Management. "Investing time in mentor-protégé relationships will help shape and expand the FCS industrial base, while helping small businesses compete for other work as a result of their involvement with the FCS program."

Boeing selected Phacil following a competitive evaluation and down-select process to identify qualified companies with the right technology and desire to be an FCS protégé partner.

"Phacil's proposal is a good fit between the technology areas in which they can help FCS and the business areas in which Boeing can assist them," Marion added.

Phacil is a small disadvantaged business that provides information assurance/security and information technology, systems integration, engineering and logistics services to government and commercial clients. These capabilities are complementary to the FCS program's networked system of systems objective.

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