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Three year effort will strengthen border security

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has awarded an industry team led by The Boeing Company [NYSE: BA] a contract for the department's technology component of its Secure Border Initiative (SBI) effort, SBInet. The contract work will be performed over a three-year period with three one-year options.

The Boeing SBInet team was selected over a field of major domestic and international teams in a competition that began earlier this year. Boeing's solution concentrated on using proven, low risk, off-the-shelf technology to ensure SBInet will significantly improve the availability of information and tools to Border Patrol agents so they can better detect, identify, classify and resolve illegal border activity by those who pose a threat to the United States.

"Being selected to support Customs and Border Protection as they secure our nation's borders is a testament to the strength of our team and the expertise, talent and focus that we bring to this task," said George Muellner, president of Boeing Advanced Systems for Boeing Integrated Defense Systems. "Our team is absolutely committed to making SBInet a success, and we are ready to respond immediately to our customer in the detailed design and deployment of this critical solution to enhance our nation's border security system."

The Boeing SBInet core team includes:

- Centech -- Arlington, Va.
- DRS Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group -- Palm Bay, Fla.
- Kollsman Inc. (an Elbit Systems of America company) -- Merrimack, N.H.
- L-3 Government Services Inc. -- Washington, D.C.
- L-3 Communication Systems West -- Salt Lake City, Utah
- Lucent Technologies -- Murray Hill, N.J.
- Perot Systems -- Plano, Texas
- Unisys Global Public Sector -- Reston, Va.
- USIS -- Washington, D.C.

In the coming months, Boeing will issue subcontracts to many additional companies including small and minority-owned businesses, to bring the best available solutions to SBInet.

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