

TeleCommunication Systems Selected by State of Tennessee for Next Generation 9-1-1 Services

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Agreement Establishes TCS as the First to Integrate NG9-1-1 Management and Integration Services With an Existing State IP Network

ANNAPOLIS, MD, Mar 07, 2011 -- TeleCommunication Systems, Inc. (TCS) (NASDAQ: TSYS), a world leader in highly reliable and secure mobile communication technology, today announced that it has been awarded a contract by the state of Tennessee to provide Next Generation (NG) 9-1-1 management and integration services. TCS is the first company in the nation to build a NG9-1-1 solution using a state's existing Internet Protocol (IP) network and to implement a flexible architecture that allows seamless interoperability with other vendors' products and services.

The TCS solution will allow the state to continue deploying its current IP infrastructure while implementing NG9-1-1 services that will offer citizens the ability to communicate with emergency dispatchers via voice, data, video, images and soon text messages. The State of Tennessee manages a Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS) network called "NetTN." TCS will use this private IP network to ensure that its NG9-1-1 solution is aligned with public safety operators' needs throughout Tennessee. Further, it will support call routing, location validation, and data delivery services; Network Operations Center (NOC) functions; and project and process management.

"Tennessee is taking a significant step toward building a next-generation solution that allows us to convert existing E9-1-1 services to IP-based technology," said Lynn Questell, executive director of the Tennessee Emergency Communications Board. "TCS's participation in this project will result in a cost-effective solution that meets our immediate and critical requirements while establishing the capability to provide additional NG9-1-1 services down the road."

TCS' NG9-1-1 solution enables local deployment of licensed systems for state, county, or local exchange carriers. It can also serve as a hosted service that uses TCS' geo-redundant data centers. Additionally, TCS supports a hybrid model in which some NG9-1-1 components are licensed and others are hosted. For the state of Tennessee, TCS is providing services using a combination of in-network hardware and the company's TL-9000 certified Network Operations Center. If required, TCS can supply individual components in the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) i3 architecture. For more information on TCS' NG9-1-1 solutions, visit <http://www.telecomsys.com/NG9-1-1>.

"The State of Tennessee has maintained a reputation as one of the top states in the U.S. for telecommunications innovation, and this emergency services integration project serves to advance this impression," said Chris Nabinger, senior vice president of service bureau operations for TCS. "Thanks to this initiative citizens will be able to use all forms of communication, including text messages and video, during times of crisis. Importantly, the solution that Tennessee is implementing with TCS allows the state to efficiently and seamlessly improve its 9-1-1 services without having to overhaul its existing infrastructure."

About TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.

TeleCommunication Systems, Inc. (TCS) (NASDAQ: TSYS) is a world leader in highly reliable and secure mobile communication technology. TCS infrastructure forms the foundation for market leading solutions in E9-1-1, text messaging, commercial location and deployable wireless communications. TCS is at the forefront of new mobile cloud computing services providing wireless applications for navigation, hyper-local search, asset tracking, social applications and telematics. Millions of consumers around the world use TCS wireless apps as a fundamental part of their daily lives. Government agencies utilize TCS' cyber security expertise, professional services, and highly secure deployable satellite solutions for mission-critical communications. Headquartered in Annapolis, MD, TCS maintains technical, service and sales offices around the world. To learn more about emerging and innovative wireless technologies, visit www.telecomsys.com.

Except for the historical information contained herein, this news release contains forward-looking statements as defined within Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties and are based upon TCS' current expectations and assumptions that if incorrect would cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. Risks include without limitation those detailed from time to time in the Company's SEC reports, including the reports on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, and on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2010.

Existing and prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise the information in this press release, whether as a result of new information, future events or circumstances, or otherwise.

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