

TCS Awarded \$7.8 Million in Contracts to Provide Fixed Satellite Terminal Sites and Managed Bandwidth Services for the U.S. Government

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TCS Continues to Expand Government Footprint by Supplying Innovative Satellite Solutions to Support Mission-Critical Operations

ANNAPOLIS, MD, Dec 11, 2008 -- TeleCommunication Systems, Inc. (TCS) (NASDAQ: TSYS), a leading provider of mission-critical wireless communications, today announced that it has been awarded orders valued at more than \$7.8 million to provide fixed satellite terminal sites and managed bandwidth services utilizing the TCS teleport over 16 months beginning December 2008 to support U.S. government personnel.

The network, scheduled to be fully operational by the end of this year, will provide voice, video and data services in remote areas that lack terrestrial communications services. Previously, TCS has built networks around the world to support government agencies in southwest Asia, Africa and in South America, as well as the largest private VSAT network in the Asia Pacific region for one of the two largest U.S. banking organizations.

"We are proud to provide highly critical communications services to our deployed men and women," said Michael Bristol, Senior Vice President of TCS' Government Solutions Group. "TCS has a proven track record in providing the military and other government organizations with highly reliable managed satellite bandwidth services to ensure that they can safely accomplish their ongoing missions."

TCS' Government Solutions Group began with the company's founding in 1987 as a government systems integrator. Today it is a leading provider of fixed and deployable communications solutions for government customers and mobile operators requiring high reliability and security, including the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, Unified Combatant Commands, U.S. Secret Service (USSS), and various U.S. intelligence agencies. As a result of its extensive R&D effort, TCS has developed a suite of products under the SwiftLink(R) brand, designed for highly reliable, on-the-quick-halt and on-the-move secure communications for the DoD and other federal agencies. TCS' deployable communications systems and fixed site earth stations enable communications to some of the world's most hostile and remote locations.

About TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.

TeleCommunication Systems, Inc. (TCS) (NASDAQ: TSYS) engineers and delivers highly reliable wireless communications technology. TCS is a leader in wireless text messaging and location-based technology, including E9-1-1 services and commercial applications like navigation that use the precise location of a wireless device, and secure satellite-based communications systems and services. Customers include leading wireless and VoIP carriers around the world, cable MSOs, automotive telematics vendors, and agencies of the U.S. Departments of Defense, State, and Homeland Security. TCS is one of six primary vendors on a \$5 billion Army Worldwide Satellite Systems Contract vehicle. For more information, 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 those detailed from time to time in the Company's SEC reports, including the report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 and Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008.

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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