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**WHO**

**SYSOC:** MARCOR  
**Sponsoring Program:**  
**Transition Target:** MAGTF Common Handheld (MCH)  
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**Other transition opportunities:**  
Information Assurance Specialists (IAS)  
Aruba Federal  
Silvus Technologies

Nearly any RF radio platform capability, including US Army radios and other tactical applications.

**Notes:** The scenario for deploying TEAM is an ad hoc, scalable network supporting many additional nodes, as required. By leveraging multicast protocols, we can provide secure transmissions with minimum bandwidth impacts due to encryption overhead.

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**WHAT**

**Operational Need and Improvement:**  
Develop Encryption Algorithms for Hand-held devices and Man-pack Radios. The encryption algorithm is to provide Commercial Solutions for Classified (CSIC) protection and integrity and confidentiality of transmitted information. The transmitted information will include Command and Control (C2) messages and Precision Location Information (PLI) for dismounted radios and tactical hand-held devices while providing the ability to be certified at the classified level, agnostic to the network used.

**Specifications Required:**  
Solution must:
- provide the impact on the availability and throughput (rate of transmission) of messages  
- provide integrity and confidentiality for all messages and protect classified information  
- algorithms must meet the CSIC requirements for protection of classified information  
- employ open architecture designs principles to protect an Internet Protocol (IP) message  
- have an overhead < 6% when used in current Marine Corps systems for a 1 kilobyte message

**Technology Developed:**  
A platform-device-independent software encryption capability supporting Multicast RF/terrestrial network communication security. Allows additional scaling of new/additional radios without adding significant overhead that would otherwise be introduced in a scaled unicast network architecture.

**Warfighter Value:**  
- TEAM (Twice Encrypted & Authenticated Multicast) provides secure communications leveraging Suite B encryption; potential for CNSA Suite encryption support  
- TEAM software encryption supports multicast network architectures  
- TEAM maximizes user data throughput (6% bandwidth for encryption overhead)  
- TEAM can be deployed on nearly any RF/terrestrial network  
- TEAM is platform-independent (to include Android, Apple, or Linux)

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**WHEN**

**Contract Number:** M67854-18-C-6522  
**Ending on:** October 15, 2019

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**HOW**

**Projected Business Model:**  
Software licensing or engineering training services support. We would like to license this capability to prime radio platform developers for integration and provide integration support, as required.

**Company Objectives:**  
Ultimately, we are looking to deploy this capability to support MULTIPLE warfighter capability gaps when it comes to provided simplified encryption and handling on ad-hoc and multi-cast network architectures.

**Potential Commercial Applications:**  
This technology could provide Communications Security (COMSEC) for radio frequency (RF) and terrestrial networks without relying on the handling and logistics of NSA Type-1 secure capabilities. This includes commercial or coalition users for which these capabilities are otherwise not available.

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