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NAVSUP Expands Use of Passive RFID at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and Marine Corps Base in Oahu, HI

XIO Strategies provides subject matter expertise to improve supply chain visibility

SEPTEMBER 23, 2008 – Vienna, Virginia – XIO Strategies, Inc. today announced the successful expansion of the passive RFID deployment by the US Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) at the Pearl Harbor Naval shipyard and Marine Corps base in Oahu, Hawaii. The Oahu pRFID initiative was originally developed by TRANSCOM, the DoD's Distribution Process Owner for logistics, to provide discrete levels of asset visibility at Naval and Marine Corps receiving and storage warehouse facilities.

RFID portals were installed at the Pearl Harbor Shipyard and Marine ATAC (Advanced Traceability and Control) facility receiving warehouses, inbound storage warehouse doors, bulk storage and maintenance facilities. Then, new data interfaces had to be established with DoD information systems. This was critical to ensure the pRFID data collected at the edge of the facilities was seamlessly transferred to the information systems used by the sailors and marines. Early analysis indicates significant process improvements as a result of the project implementation.

Under the direction of TRANSCOM, Oahu was selected due to the compact nature of the island and its inclusion in the Joint Regional Inventory Material Management (JRIMM) Initiative as a key logistics site for the consolidation of inventory among the military branches. This selection provided NAVSUP with a strategic location to deploy pRFID technology at the island's Navy and Marine sites, and work closely with the Army, Air Force and Defense Logistics Agency as they deployed pRFID at their Oahu locations.

"As a subcontractor to SAIC, and in conjunction with our partners Alien Technology and GlobeRanger, XIO is proud to have supported the Navy AIT Office in the deployment of pRFID at Pearl Harbor and Kaneohe Bay," said Mary Ann Wagner, President of XIO Strategies. "This project demonstrates the benefits of achieving real-time supply chain visibility—enabling the AIT program office to better support the warfighter."

About XIO Strategies, Inc.: XIO Strategies, a Vienna Virginia-based woman-owned business, specializes in end-to-end supply chain management and communications consulting services to government, military and commercial organizations. XIO works with organizations both large and small to effectively support technology deployment, conduct research and training, create marketing materials, and manage communications programs during periods of change. For more information, visit www.xiostrategies.com.

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