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XIO Strategies Expands Operations into North Dakota
*Working with Dakota Defense Alliance partners, XIO will leverage
RFID capabilities in the region*

FEBRUARY 19, 2009 – Vienna, Virginia – XIO Strategies, Inc., a supply chain management and communications consulting firm, today announced it has begun operations in North Dakota to coordinate work with the Dakota Defense Alliance (DDA). As part of the DDA, XIO actively collaborates with member companies including technology providers, manufacturers, and other firms to further develop the region as a hub for the production and deployment of RFID and other supply chain technologies.

“We value the opportunity to work in an alliance of DDA member companies. There is the right combination of quality of life and work ethic in North Dakota, and we believe this expansion strongly positions XIO for future growth,” said Mary Ann Wagner, President and CEO of XIO Strategies.

Added Kristin Hedger, Executive Director of the Dakota Defense Alliance: “Drawing on the strengths we all share and working with companies such as XIO will enable the DDA to make great strides toward our goal of being among the elite in the defense supply chain. Plus, when our companies operate more efficiently we can pay higher wages—it is great to have XIO as a new neighbor in our state and a partner in business.”

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.

For information about the Dakota Defense Alliance, visit www.dakotadefensealliance.com.

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