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Beacon Associates Supports Joint Strike Fighter Engine Contract for the F136 Jet

Bel Air, MD – March 24, 2009 – Beacon Associates, a management and information technology consulting company, headquartered in Bel Air, MD, has been awarded a contract to provide technology support services on the Joint Strike Fighter Engine project, under a subcontract to a Fortune 100 technology company.

Beacon is supporting the Joint Strike Fighter contract in the system development and demonstration phase of the F136 initiative. The F136 is an advanced turbofan engine specifically for the F-35 Lightning II, a military strike fighter aircraft used by the U.S. Department of Defense. Production of the F136 engine is scheduled to begin in 2012, following flight testing next year and certification after that. Three variants of the Joint Strike Fighter are to be deployed by all three branches of the U.S. Armed Forces once completed.

Under this contract, Beacon provides on-site personnel to support the F136 program in meeting software deliveries for both product first engine to test (FETT) and product second engine to test (SETT), with both scheduled to run in early 2009. Our team will be supporting the program by performing the build management of all releases currently under development, generating software builds, assisting in the debug and resolution of build failures, identifying and implementing of improvements in current F136 build management processes, and providing general software support. We utilize Telelogic Synergy and Change software that increases the quality of systems engineering, business critical, and software development projects, to increase efficiencies on this project. We provide an improved software build process while focusing the improvements on making the current software build process more lean and efficient.

Over the past year, Beacon Associates has been steadily developing its technology services business line. The company began to capitalize their strength in this arena by offering such services as software and systems engineering, applications management, and related technology services to the government and commercial customers.

“Information Technology is quickly becoming a strong business line for us,” says Beacon Associates Vice President of Business Solutions, Ann Marie Bryant. “This project is a great step for us into the technology market and we are very excited to be a part of such a large and unique project for the Department of Defense.”

“I am thrilled that a Fortune 100 company saw the value that Beacon could bring to a project of such significance and importance on the cutting edge of technology,” says Beacon Associates Vice President of Technology, Dave D’Amico.

Beacon Associates, Inc. is a woman-owned, small business that partners with the government and private-sector companies to help them achieve their desired outcomes. They are a certified 8(a) company with significant experience, skills, and successes in business and technology consulting from both the government and Fortune 500 companies. Since their inception, they have doubled in size every year and look forward to even more growth in the future.

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