Department Of Health And Human Services Awards Contract To Lockheed Martin For HSPD-12 Technology

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has awarded Lockheed Martina proof-of- concept contract to implement its end-to-end identity framework solution at four of the agency's sites. The contract is a significant first step in the agency's compliance with Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 (HSPD- 12), a mandate which requires all federal workers and contractors to use a standard biometric identification card for access to government buildings and resources.

Lockheed Martin will integrate its BioUnique(TM) Identity Management system with five of its BioUnique(TM) Enrollment stations distributed at four HHS operating divisions: one at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, one at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in Baltimore, one at HHS headquarters in Washington, and two BioUnique(TM) Enrollment stations at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda. Under the proof-of- concept contract, as many as one thousand HHS employees may enroll and be credentialed.

"This end-to-end identity framework allows agencies to satisfy the mandate quickly and well within cost parameters," said Carlaine Blizzard, vice president, Lockheed Martin Transportation and Security Solutions. "In addition to our ability to deliver on time and on budget, agencies like HHS can rest assured that the technological solution itself is mature, modular and proven."

In July, GSA announced that Lockheed Martin was qualified as an integration service provider. This approval authorizes the company to supply services and products related to integration, activation and finalization, card management and production, enrollment and registration, and systems infrastructure. Earlier in the summer, Lockheed Martin successfully demonstrated its BioUnique(TM) Identity Framework for government agencies as part of a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in Gaithersburg, Md. NIST was responsible for developing the FIPS 201 standard, which outlines the technical requirements for the standard identification card and is the first government-wide standard of its kind related to access and identity management.

Lockheed Martin's BioUnique(TM) Identity Framework consists of two parts designed by the company: an enrollment system and an identity management system. Configurable in multiple formats, the enrollment system can scan and validate I-9 documents, capture FBI-compliant fingerprints, and automatically screen for print quality, keeping data encrypted and secure at every step of the process. The identity management system leverages technology Lockheed Martin developed for the FBI's Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System and creates an unalterable audit trail for every credential. Both the enrollment and identity management systems are modular, scalable, and fully interoperable with legacy systems. This end-to-end solution also includes the integration of three additional components: a card management system, public key infrastructure, and a card production system.

Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., Lockheed Martin employs about 135,000 people worldwide and is principally engaged in the research, design, development, manufacture, integration and sustainment of advanced technology systems, products and services.

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