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Nova Engineering to Develop Smart Munitions Communications Network for the U.S. Army Tactical Munitions System

Cincinnati, OH, August 4, 2003 – Nova Engineering Inc. announced its selection as the communications developer for the U.S. Army's Non-Self Destruct Alternative (NSDA) Program; the effort targets the development of a hand emplaced munitions system to serve as an alternative to or replacement for current non-self-destructing anti-personnel landmines. The work will be performed under a subcontract to Textron Systems, Wilmington, MA, which was recently awarded a \$53.8M development contract to jointly develop the NSDA system along with ATK Integrated Defense of Plymouth, Minn.

The NSDA system will allow the soldier/Marine to remotely monitor/control, fire or deactivate individual munitions within the munition field. This enhanced capability will also minimize injuries to friendly troops and non-combatants during hostilities and following a conflict.

"We are proud to be playing such a key role in this important program for Textron, ATK, and the U.S. Army Armament Research, Development, and Engineering Center (ARDEC)," said Kevin Bobier, Nova Engineering's Vice President. "Nova's leading-edge communications technology is ideally suited for providing the requisite 'man-in-the-loop' interface."

During the initial stages of the program, Nova will be performing system analysis and simulation, and designing and producing transceiver modules. In addition, the company will build upon its extensive commercial experience with ad hoc mobile routing.

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Nova Engineering, located in Cincinnati, OH, is a 100% employee-owned digital and wireless communications company that designs, develops, and manufactures communications equipment and systems for both commercial and military markets. Nova Engineering's technology advancements include mobile ad-hoc networks, wireless routers, telemetry data equipment, sensor communication links, high-performance modems, waveform development software, and embedded real-time signal processing equipment. For further information about the company, visit www.nova-eng.com.

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