

2009 NUNN-PERRY AWARD PRESENTED TO CSSS.NET

CSSS.NET and Northrop Grumman
Establish Valuable
Mentor-Protégé Relationship



Bellevue, NB, February 20, 2009 - CSSS.NET is pleased to announce that it has recently been awarded a Nunn-Perry Award for 2009 in recognition of its technology transfer work in Geospatial Information Systems. CSSS.NET is the only business in Nebraska ever to have won a Nunn-Perry Award.

CSSS.NET signed an agreement with the U.S. National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) to form a mentor-protégé relationship with Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE:NOC) as part of the U.S. Defense Department's Mentor-Protégé program.

The Northrop Grumman Mission Systems (NGMS) Mentor-Protégé Agreement (MPA) with CSSS.NET focused on the core objective of transferring Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technologies by increasing CSSS.NET's knowledge and experience with geospatial information, remote sensing, visualization, and solution delivery. GIS technology was selected for the MPA to develop a small business source with GIS domain knowledge who would be highly capable of performing complex industry support engineering and a supplier capable of competing on new contracts.

Through extensive training and hands on experience, essential GIS skill sets and engineering principles were transferred to CSSS.NET, thus greatly expanding CSSS.NET's capabilities and preparing them to compete for Department of Defense (DoD) contracts. This technology transfer is an important step in the development of CSSS.NET from services to engineering products, an important factor in differentiating them in the market place. With the transfer, CSSS.NET will become a small business leader and innovator in GIS capabilities who can provide added opportunities with its current and potential new customers. In addition to GIS technology, NGMS is supporting the CSSS.NET company infrastructure by providing substantial training in the areas of configuration management, Unix operating systems, application server administration, web server administration, Java Enterprise Edition, Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) Level 5 processes, and lifecycle implementation processes to complement the GIS training. CSSS.NET is showing its commitment by self-funding the development of CMMI processes for accreditation.

This agreement has far exceeded all technical transfer expectations while producing significant operational results. Since the inception of this agreement, CSSS.NET has had a

42.2% increase in employees, an increase in revenue of 32.7%, and eight new contract awards.

CSSS.NET will be mentored by Northrop Grumman's Mission Systems sector for three years in support of CSSS.NET's efforts to acquire geospatial information systems technologies and expertise. This valuable relationship will enhance the firm's performance as a supplier and teaming partner on information technology programs with the DoD, NGA, NASA, and other government agencies.

"CSSS.NET is proud to be aligned with Northrop Grumman and all the experience a tier-one company can provide," said President and CEO Lisa Wolford. "We are teaming with Northrop Grumman on multiple opportunities and look forward to the chance to enhance their offerings as well as strengthen our organization and promote growth."

"Participating in the Mentor-Protégé program gives Northrop Grumman a chance to transfer key defense technology and expertise to smaller firms and help groom them to successfully compete in the military and government markets," said Bob Hinson, Northrop Grumman corporate lead executive for the Nebraska region. "CSSS.NET has a great reputation for quality and has become a valued member of the Northrop Grumman supplier team."

About the Nunn-Perry Award

The DoD Mentor-Protégé Program is the pre-eminent program within the Federal government for the transformation of a small business firm with high potential to become a firm of substance, that is, one able to perform well as a prime contractor and/or a subcontractor. In the event that the small business firm possesses commercial capabilities with a domestic or global orientation, the firm's potential becomes stronger yet.

The DoD Mentor-Protégé Program is not merely a process of teaming and building acumen in the use of improved business systems and strengthening infrastructure; it is ultimately the means for a Protégé to become a valued business partner and an innovator within a relationship that fosters technical progress.

About CSSS.NET

CSSS.NET was founded in 1997 by Lisa N. Wolford, a service-disabled veteran of the U.S. Marines. CSSS is an SBA-certified 8(a)/Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB), Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB), and a Woman-owned Business Enterprise (WBE). In the past 12 years, CSSS.NET, a CMMI Maturity Level 2 company, has expanded beyond its Nebraska headquarters to include an office in Washington, DC and over 120 employees across the country in Illinois, Florida, West Virginia, Maryland, Texas, and Colorado.

CSSS.NET provides information technology and engineering services as a prime and a subcontractor on a variety of contracts for the U.S. DoD (USSTRATCOM, Air Force

Weather Agency, Offutt Air Force Base, and Defense Information Systems Agency) and Federal Civilian Agencies (Treasury Department/IRS, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Health and Human Services, and Department of Veteran Affairs. CSSS.NET is also a prime contractor for the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), overseeing the fifth largest deployment of Microsoft Exchange ever implemented and providing network and computer support to VHA locations nationwide.

CSSS.NET is a 2009 Omaha Chamber of Commerce awardee for Excellence in Business.

In 2008, CSSS ranked number 675 overall, with a 3-year revenue growth of 488% by Inc. 5000, a listing of the fastest growing private companies in the U.S. as compiled by Inc. Magazine.