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TeleCommunication Systems Awarded Contract by State of South Dakota for Next Generation 9-1-1 Systems and Services

Five-Year, \$16.4 Million Contract Strengthens South Dakota Public Safety Answering Points' Capabilities for Handling 9-1-1 Wireless Communications

Note: Comtech Acquired TCS on 2/23/2016

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 8, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- TeleCommunication Systems, Inc. (TCS) (NASDAQ: TSYS), a world leader in highly reliable and secure mobile communication technology, today announced that it has been awarded a contract by the state of South Dakota to provide Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) services. The contract, valued at \$16.4 million, calls for TCS to provide and operate South Dakota's NG9-1-1 system for the next five years under the direction and guidance of the South Dakota 911 Coordination Board. TCS will deliver end-to-end NG9-1-1 solutions for all 29 of the state's public safety answering points (PSAPs).

News Facts:

- | According to Frost and Sullivan, TCS leads the nation in ESInet deployments and offers a complete NG9-1-1 end-to-end solution. TCS offerings include NENA i3 standards-compliant call-routing and call-handling systems.
- | TCS has signed a five-year contract, valued at \$16.4 million, with the state of South Dakota to provide end-to-end NG9-1-1 services. The fully redundant system supports connections to all telecommunications carriers in the state of South Dakota, collecting all 9-1-1 traffic, and routing to the jurisdictionally correct 9-1-1 answering point among the 29 PSAPs in the state.
- | The seamless transition to NG9-1-1 ensures that the public will not see any disruption in 9-1-1 services.
- | The new TCS-enabled system will eventually allow South Dakotans to send pictures and video to PSAPs during 9-1-1 calls and will support text-to-911 across the state for any wireless carrier that interconnects via TCS' Text Control Center.
- | In addition to interconnecting 9-1-1 centers in ways that greatly improve interoperability and the routing of emergency calls, the new network will automatically re-route emergency calls in the case of a PSAP service interruption or outage due to severe weather or a disaster.

TCS Senior Vice President, Safety & Security Group, Lynne Seitz said:

"TCS will enable the State of South Dakota to deliver best-in-class Next Generation 9-1-1 services to its residents while establishing a seamless migration path for NG9-1-1 services as technologies and standards evolve. Our contract with the State of South Dakota is a testament to our track record of successfully empowering public safety entities through the use of new technology for improving emergency 9-1-1 services. Our goal is consistent with the goal of the South Dakota 911 Coordination Board: to protect South Dakota residents by equipping PSAPs with the right technology and tools to quickly and efficiently respond to 9-1-1 calls."

Since deploying the first U.S. wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 (E9-1-1) solution in 1998, TCS has been leading [public safety solutions](#) for wireless E9-1-1, NG9-1-1 and E1-1-2. TCS supports about half of all U.S. wireless E9-1-1 calls, serving more than 140 million wireless and IP-enabled devices. TCS is leading the enablement of text-to-911, and TCS leads the nation in emergency services IP network (ESInet) deployments. TCS is the only non-carrier TL 9000-certified company that supports E9-1-1 services. Its E9-1-1 and NG9-1-1 solutions ensure that a subscriber's emergency call routes to the appropriate PSAP and automatically pinpoints the caller's location information.

About TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.

TeleCommunication Systems, Inc. (TCS) (NASDAQ: TSYS) is a world leader in highly reliable and secure mobile communication technology. TCS infrastructure forms the foundation for market-leading solutions in E9-1-1, text messaging, commercial location, and deployable wireless communications. TCS is at the forefront of new mobile cloud computing services, providing wireless applications for navigation, hyperlocal search, asset tracking, social applications, and telematics. Millions of consumers around the world use TCS wireless apps as a fundamental part of their daily lives. Government agencies utilize TCS' cybersecurity expertise, professional services, and highly secure deployable satellite solutions for mission-critical communications. Headquartered in Annapolis, Maryland, TCS maintains technical, service, and

sales offices around the world. To learn more about emerging and innovative wireless technologies, visit www.telecomsys.com.

Except for the historical information contained herein, this news release contains forward-looking statements as defined within Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties and are based upon TCS' current expectations and assumptions that if incorrect would cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. Risks include those detailed from time to time in the Company's SEC reports, including the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 and on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2014.

Existing and prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise the information in this press release, whether as a result of new information, future events or circumstances, or otherwise.

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