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BTS Releases Cellular Management Software, Praefectus

Industry leader releases cutting-edge software which enables rapidly deployable 3G/4G communications.

Columbia, MD— Today, BTS™ announced the release of Praefectus™, a secure web-based cellular management interface that runs on top of existing cellular core network systems, providing essential capabilities for mobile and rapidly deployable cellular networks to operate at peak performance in difficult operating environments.

The Praefectus web-based interface allows the operator to manage the entire capabilities of a cellular network such as Voice, Data and SMS with a fraction of the training time required to manage commercial cellular networks. Praefectus also provides users advanced network monitoring and device management capabilities so they can see exactly how the cellular network is being utilized and if there are any security breaches.

“Currently, cellular networks are controlled through multiple independent interfaces, over different switch layers within complex network topologies,” said Sean Lane, BTS CEO. “Praefectus collapses an entire network within one frame and allows the operator to effectively control hundreds of base stations through one user-friendly interface, ensuring secure communications on the Battlefield and beyond.”

The Praefectus software and hardware is installed on a single computer with each individual cellular base station and allows each base station to operate autonomously and scale as a mesh network by dynamically synchronizing location registries and routing calls with other Praefectus enabled base stations.

“Through our strong partnership with the Department of Defense, Praefectus has become ‘the operating system’ for tactical cellular networks,” said Craig Cummings, Chief Operating Officer of BTS.

Currently, Praefectus serves as the heart of the BTS line of advanced mobile tactical cellular systems called PraefectaCELL™, but the application is customizable to integrate with any IP-based commercial network. The system is radio agnostic in that it can utilize Commercial off the Shelf (COTS) equipment, including the iPad, iPhone and Android phone.

“Praefectus and PraefectaCELL have created the ability for the Warfighter to train, fight and communicate more effectively by bringing cutting edge 3G/4G commercial technology to the battlefield,” said Alex Watson, Chief Technology Officer of BTS. “From an intelligence perspective, our technology enables every Warfighter to become a sensor with the ability to report audio, video, and other data to commanders in real time.”

BTS has an extensive past performance for delivering high quality, self-contained cellular solutions to the Warfighter. Leveraging the latest cellular architecture they help create, BTS is now working with mobile device companies to provide a suite of powerful mobile intelligence, analytic, and communications capabilities that will have far-reaching impacts on tactical operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and beyond.

BTS, LLC is a Columbia, Maryland-based, Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB) that currently provides advanced, mobile telecommunications technology, software development and integration for the U.S. Government and the private sector. Since the company's formation in 2008, the BTS mission is to pioneer, refine and distribute unique technical solutions to State, Federal, and Commercial markets to achieve communications and information dominance. Through a combination of innovative technical products and integration, high-quality professionals, and first-rate delivery execution, BTS focuses on addressing customer's immediate and critical operational needs.

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