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BigBear.ai and Hardy Dynamics Collaborate to Advance AI Orchestration for U.S. Army Drone Swarm Operations in Project Linchpin

MCLEAN, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- BigBear.ai (NYSE: BBAI), a leading provider of AI-powered decision intelligence solutions for defense and national security, today announced a collaboration with Hardy Dynamics, a provider of advanced AI capabilities for defense applications, to support a U.S. Army initiative under Project Linchpin. The work will be performed under a Direct-to-Phase II Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) contract awarded to Hardy Dynamics, with BigBear.ai supporting as a sub-contractor.

Project Linchpin is a U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) effort focused on integrating artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI/ML) into future warfighting capabilities. This collaboration will develop next-generation AI technologies to enable secure, resilient communication and coordination among unmanned aerial system (UAS) swarms in extended ranges.

"In supporting the U.S. Army's Project Linchpin, BigBear.ai is advancing the frontiers of AI-powered operations across the defense ecosystem," said Kevin McAleenan, CEO of BigBear.ai. "We are excited to work with Hardy Dynamics to deliver mission-focused, scalable solutions to meet the evolving needs of our warfighters, where they operate. Most importantly, this collaboration is directly aligned to the U.S. Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff of the Army's joint [Letter to the Force: Army Transformation Initiative](#), which prioritizes the delivery of warfighting capabilities including 'close the C-sUAS capability gap' and 'Command and control nodes will integrate Artificial Intelligence to accelerate decision-making and preserve the initiative.' We are at the forefront of this transformation and will deliver."

As part of this effort, Hardy Dynamics will leverage BigBear.ai's AI, data, and sensor orchestration platform, ConductorOS, to facilitate interoperability between various autonomous systems. The focus includes developing adaptive ML algorithms allowing these systems to learn from and respond to dynamic environments, increasing operational agility and mission effectiveness.

"We are proud to be working with BigBear.ai on this critical national defense initiative," said Kyle Hardy, CEO of Hardy Dynamics and Partner of Clipper Defense Inc. "Our team is committed to delivering innovative AI solutions that meet the U.S. Army's needs and support their efforts in developing next-generation autonomous systems. This is inarguably the future of warfare, and we are honored to be chosen to support the U.S. Army in this critical modernization effort."

The Linchpin initiative seeks to revolutionize the use of autonomous systems by enabling distributed, AI-driven decision-making at the edge to allow for more coordinated actions across platforms in support of multi-domain operations.

For more information about Hardy Dynamics, visit www.HardyDynamics.com.

About BigBear.ai

BigBear.ai is a leading provider of AI-powered decision intelligence solutions and services for national security, defense, travel and trade, manufacturing and supply chains. Customers and partners rely on BigBear.ai's artificial intelligence and predictive analytics capabilities in highly complex, distributed, mission-based operating environments. Headquartered in McLean, Virginia, BigBear.ai is a public company traded on the NYSE under the symbol BBAI. For more information, visit <https://bigbear.ai> and follow BigBear.ai on LinkedIn: [@BigBear.ai](#). To receive email communications from BigBear.ai, [register here](#).

About Hardy Dynamics

Hardy Dynamics is a leading provider of innovative solutions for the defense industry. With expertise in AI-powered technologies, quantum compute, and robotics, our team delivers cutting-edge products that meet the evolving needs of military organizations worldwide.

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