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# **Telephonics and Rockwell Collins announce ``Team NetCom" for U.S. Army VIS-X Program**

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--

Telephonics Corporation and Rockwell Collins announced today that they have entered into a teaming agreement to pursue the U.S. Army Vehicle Intercommunications System-Extended (VIS-X) Program as "Team NetCom."

VIS-X represents a family of intercommunications systems and components for military tactical vehicles that will replace the Army's VIC-3 system. The Army recently issued a Request for Proposal for competitive bids. This program can potentially reach \$3.5 billion. The new system will be forward fit for all new Army vehicles and included as part of various reset programs for vehicles returning from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Telephonics and Rockwell Collins believe that Team NetCom offers the best-value, low-risk solution for the VIS-X Program.

"We have been encouraged by the number of Army leaders who have said that they strongly desire to have the advanced technology, low weight and low power solutions that we have implemented in today's modern cockpits," said the President of Telephonics Communication Systems Division, Mr. Phil Nicholas. "Telephonics and Rockwell Collins possess a rich legacy of providing cost effective communication systems. This focus provides the Army with the most advanced, low-risk, cost-effective solution based on proven technology and strong road maps for future growth as more networked systems are fielded."

"Team NetCom brings an exciting, highly integrated solution to the ground vehicle market and is a natural extension of the long-standing relationship between our two companies," said Bruce King, Vice President and General Manager of Surface Solutions for Rockwell Collins. "The broad portfolio of ground applications that we bring to Team NetCom significantly enhances the communication and situational awareness capabilities of the warfighter."

Telephonics and Rockwell Collins have repeatedly demonstrated the ability to meet Army requirements to produce, deliver, and support sophisticated equipment for use by the warfighter. This includes critical programs like the high volume, quick-reaction manufacture and delivery of high priority Counter Improvised Explosive Device (IED) systems or the long-term sustained delivery and support of over 125,000 Defense Advanced GPS Receivers (DAGR) for use by the U.S. military.

The networked intercommunication system solution designed by Telephonics offers the soldier a unique array of features that enhance connectivity and safety. This coupled with

Rockwell Collins experience as an integral member of the Joint Tactical Radio System and Future Combat Systems teams, reduces the risk in advancing network capabilities to all domains.

#### About Telephonics

"A subsidiary of Griffon Corporation (NYSE: GFF), Telephonics' broad-based, advanced, high-technology engineering and manufacturing capabilities provide integrated information, communication, and sensor system solutions to military and commercial markets worldwide. The company is organized into four operating divisions: Communication Systems, specializing in aircraft intercommunication systems, ruggedized wireless communication systems, and commercial audio products; Radar Systems, specializing in airborne maritime surveillance radar, weather and search radar, and advanced identification friend or foe products; Electronic Systems specializing in Integrated Security Systems and Products for the Homeland Security and Anti Terrorism Force Protection market, Air Traffic Management Systems and Aerospace Electronics; and the Systems Engineering Group specializing in the performance of threat and radar system analyses and other support engineering functions for the Department of Defense, the Missile Defense Agency, and various other Government agencies and major prime contractors." To find out more, please visit [www.telephonics.com](http://www.telephonics.com).

#### About Rockwell Collins

Rockwell Collins (NYSE: COL) is a pioneer in the development and deployment of innovative communication and aviation electronic solutions for both commercial and government applications. Their expertise in flight deck avionics, cabin electronics, mission communications, information management and simulation and training is delivered by 20,000 employees, and a global service and support network that crosses 27 countries. To find out more, please visit [www.rockwellcollins.com](http://www.rockwellcollins.com).

#### About Griffon Corporation

In addition to developing and manufacturing information and communication systems for government and commercial markets worldwide, Griffon Corporation is also an international leader in the development and production of embossed and laminated specialty plastic films used in the baby diaper, feminine napkin, adult incontinent, surgical and patient care markets. Griffon Corporation is also a leading manufacturer and marketer of residential, commercial and industrial garage doors sold to professional installing dealers and major home center retail chains. Through a substantial network of operations located throughout the country, Griffon's building products company also installs and services specialty building products, primarily garage doors, openers, fireplaces and cabinets for new construction markets.

#### Forward Looking Statements

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