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Local R&D Company Receives Counter-Terrorism Funding

Monroe, Washington- Research International, Inc., a supplier of innovative equipment in the fight against terrorism, announced today it has received a \$2.5 million award from the U.S. Marine Corps to develop an advanced man-portable aerosol biowarfare collector-identifier. This lightweight and compact system integrates existing technology and new leading-edge concepts to provide continuous air monitoring for the presence of up to twenty pathogenic targets such as spores, bacteria, viruses, and toxins. The initial feasibility project will be followed by a second phase emphasizing engineering and qualification to military specifications.

To meet the difficult challenge of providing both collection and identification in a single small package, the system incorporates several innovative features. Everything the soldier needs to perform a full day of monitoring will be contained in the unit. The only consumables are wash water and a small plastic assay element that is replaced once per day. Perhaps most significantly, the system will be capable of detecting and identifying single spores and bacteria. Elric Saaski, CEO of Research International, said "Single-bacteria detection and identification is perhaps the Holy Grail of microbiology. We look forward to working on this significant advancement in biodetection for the Marines, and wish to give special thanks to Senator Maria Cantwell for her vision and support, and to Representative Jay Inslee's office for their part in gaining this important opportunity. This will lead to significant growth for Research International and will create new engineering and manufacturing jobs in the local area."

About Research International

Research International Inc. of Monroe, Washington is a 15 year old, locally owned, high-technology company specializing in the development and manufacture of sensing systems. It has provided equipment for counter-terrorism applications worldwide for over 10 years. Research International emphasizes total solutions that span biochemistry, optics, electronics, fluid dynamics and physical packaging. The company also provides R&D services in the broad areas of medical, environmental and industrial sensing. For more information visit www.resrchintl.com.