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BDO & IBM Join Distinguished List of Mentors

Washington, D.C. - July 18, 2013 - The Government Technology & Services Coalition (GTSC), the premier organization for small and mid-sized companies in the federal homeland and national security market, announced today the addition of BDO and IBM to its list of mentor companies.

"We are excited by the caliber of thought leadership and community engagement exhibited by these leaders in the homeland and national security community," said Kristina Tanasichuk, CEO of GTSC. "Their commitment to innovation, partnership and working to help our government partners achieve their mission while adjusting to increasing budgetary pressures further builds our community of industry devoted to protecting the homeland."

Courtney Bromley, IBM Vice President for Homeland Security and Law Enforcement also commented, "IBM is committed to assuring the best services and outcomes for our clients and believes that partnerships with innovative organizations and firms is critical to ensuring collaboration, best practices and innovation, and delivering results for our customers."

"BDO is very happy to join GTSC because of their commitment to their government partners. BDO has a strong reputation of excellence in the commercial market, and we look forward to sharing those best practices with government clients and mentoring GTSC members. BDO's Center of Excellence for Government Contracting is a unique resource providing guidance and thought leadership on technical, regulatory and business matters important to government contractors nationwide," said Chuck Wolverton, Director in BDO's Public Sector practice.

Mentor companies provide advice and counsel to small and mid-sized companies, find new and innovative teaming partners, address challenges in the prime-subcontractor relationship in a neutral environment, and improve mentor-protégé communication and success. Current mentors include: the Battelle Memorial Institute, Engility, Harris, L-3

Security & Detection Systems, L-3 STRATIS, SAIC and TASC. These firms are committed to working together to assure that our federal government receives the best products, services and solutions possible to combat threats and secure our nation.

"GTSC has proven to be a critical link for the continued growth and development of American business capabilities in national and homeland security mission arenas," added Mike Kelly, Vice President at TASC. "We are honored to support robust partnerships that enhance the contractor community's ability to help our customers keep our country safe and secure."

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GTSC is a nonprofit, non-partisan association of companies that create, develop and implement solutions for the federal homeland and national security sector. Our mission is two-fold: first, to provide exceptional advocacy, capacity building, partnership opportunities and marketing in the Federal security space for small and mid-sized companies. Second, to support and assist our government partners achieve their critical missions with the highest integrity; best and most innovative technologies; and results-based, quality products and services to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to and recover from any terrorist attack or natural disaster. For more information on these mentors and the Government Technology & Services Coalition, please visit www.GTSCoalition.com.