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## **BATTELLE, L-3 STRATIS and SAIC JOIN GTSC AS MENTORS**

Washington, D.C. February 13 - The Government Technology & Services Coalition, the premier organization for small and mid-sized companies in the federal homeland and national security market today announced the addition of the Battelle Memorial Institute, L-3 STRATIS and SAIC as Mentors to their community of small and mid-sized members.

"We are proud to work with these leading companies to add their valuable perspectives on the homeland and national security market, teaming and partnership opportunities and guidance and advice from some of the premier providers of products and services to the Federal government," said Kristina Tanasichuk, CEO of the Coalition.

"Battelle has a long-standing tradition of mentoring and supporting small businesses," said Dr. John Wade, Vice President and Manager, Battelle National Security Global Business. "As such, we were delighted at this opportunity to join with GTSC and our fellow Mentors L-3 STRATIS and SAIC to explore expanded opportunities for small businesses and to address issues faced by Large/Small Business Teams from the perspective of both."

"The Government Technology & Services Coalition is an important venue for the continued growth and development of American business capabilities in the Federal contracting and homeland security mission arenas," added Wayne Pizer, Vice President for Small Business Programs at L-3 STRATIS. "We are honored to continue L-3's leadership role in providing mentoring, advice and other assistance to our fellow national security companies."

"SAIC is excited to build and strengthen our valued relationships within the small business community. We are eager to learn more about our fellow GTSC members' capabilities, foster new relationships, and be a part of working on common issues to improve and advance the homeland security and defense markets," said Doug Wagoner, Senior Vice President & Business Unit General Manager at SAIC.

Mentor investors join the Coalition to 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. GTSC and its Mentor companies understand how critical a robust, successful homeland and national security market is to our security. Together 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.

For more information on these Mentors and the Government & Technology Coalition, please visit [www.GTSCoalition.com](http://www.GTSCoalition.com).

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*The Government Technology & Services Coalition (GTSC) is a non-profit, non-partisan association of innovative, agile small and mid-sized company CEOs that create, develop, and implement solutions for the Federal homeland and national security sector. The GTSC's mission is to provide exceptional advocacy, capacity building, partnership opportunities and marketing in the federal security space for small and mid-sized companies. To accomplish this we promote better dialogue with Congress and the Administration, provide clarification and representation on essential business issues, and work on behalf of the members on legislative and executive action that can impact their success.*