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Praeses Wins US Air Force Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Contract

Team to help Air Force Modernize Command Centers with its Land-Based ICBM Program

SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA – September 15, 2016 – Praeses, a national leader in innovative software development and services, announced today its Government Technology Services Division was selected as the Prime Contractor on a contract to help the Air Force modernize Command Centers for the land-based Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) Program.

The current ICBM system was first deployed in 1970 and much of the information management technology it uses is consistent with that era. This includes out of date and stove-piped information systems, making it difficult to share information across systems. Consequently, providing adequate situational awareness to mission commanders and staff has been a challenge. Although the ICBM system continues to function in the National interest, it lacks modern data and information collection, fusion, and decision support capability to integrate and display actionable information providing a common operational picture across connected command centers.

To overcome these challenges, the Praeses-led team will develop **Watchtower**, a decision support application that will automate the collection of relevant data, fuse the data for meaningful presentation to its users, and display that data simultaneously within command center environments. Working in conjunction with software developed by Praeses in previous projects, **Watchtower** will be built to provide commanders in the field with the information needed to more effectively support our overall nuclear mission.

This project is part of the U.S. Air Force SBIR program, awarded by the Air Force Research Lab (AFRL) in Dayton, Ohio, in collaboration with 20th Air Force. Robert Parker, Director of Government Technology Services at Praeses, commented, “It is an honor to be involved with such an important project to support the security of our nation and a testament to the talent and innovative spirit that Praeses brings to solving even the most complex problems for our clients.”

The \$1.5 million direct-to-Phase II SBIR project will be executed over the next 12 months and culminates with a final demonstration at the conclusion of the project.

About Praeses

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