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Telos, AirDefense Expand Army Security Contract

The U.S. Army has tapped Telos Corporation, a provider of security solutions to the federal government, to install Atlanta-based AirDefense's wireless intrusion detection/prevention system (WIDS/WIPS) at 20 North American installations.

No financial details were disclosed.

AirDefense says its system will protect the Army's local area networks and its wireless networks from unauthorized access, and it also prevents potential vulnerabilities by alerting open-connection managers. Other AirDefense customers include the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Energy and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The contract expands work already done by the Army to install wireless intrusion and detection at 16 other sites in the continental United States following a June 2006 release of a supplemental Department of Defense (DoD) policy on wireless security that called for around-the-clock wireless intrusion and detection. Telos will deliver more than 1,500 AirDefense sensors on a turnkey basis, including site surveys and project reports, for each of the 20 locations as well as installation, testing and on-site training.

Telos was an original member of the DoD's wireless policy working group, providing guidance on Air Force wireless policy, and the certification and accreditation of their wireless systems. In addition, Telos assisted the Air Force and the Navy in developing and validating their standard secure wireless architectures.