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ICLogistics to manage Macedonia Customs project under USTDA Grant

Skopje, Macedonia (June 1, 2007) – Inner Circle Logistics (ICLogistics), a supply chain focused net-centric data and document management solutions firm with its international headquarters in Saint Croix, USVI, was selected by the Macedonian Customs Administration (MCA) as the contractor to provide technical assistance and manage the pilot project on a U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) grant awarded last week to the MCA. Increasing trade capacity in South East Europe along Corridor X has been identified by the European Union (EU) as one of the five most important strategic transport routes in Europe and is the objective of the grant award. The grant will be used to partially fund a technical assistance program and pilot project that will facilitate trade by simplifying transit documentation requirements through a regional “single window” entry system for the Customs Administrations of Macedonia, Serbia and Bulgaria.

The \$549,090 grant was conferred during a signing ceremony held at the Customs Administration Office in Skopje. The Honorable Gillian A. Milovanovic, U.S. Ambassador to Macedonia, and Mr. Vanco Kargov, MCA Director General, signed the agreement on behalf of the U.S. and Macedonian governments. In addition to the USTDA grant award, ICLogistics will contribute resources toward the completion of the technical assistance program and pilot project.

The regional “single window” system, based on the United Nations Recommendation No. 33, supported by the USTDA grant seeks to relieve bottlenecks caused by increased cargo traffic along Corridor X, which includes Norway, Finland, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia, and Greece. As this volume has increased, the need to improve customs operations and capabilities at border crossings has become evident. Specifically, the regional system will allow businesses to submit all import and export documentation in electronic format to one address that can be accessed by all authorized customs and border agents in Macedonia, Serbia and Bulgaria in advance of a shipment’s arrival at the border. The system will enable customs officials to process information faster and share documentation across the border to avoid duplication.

“Our business process patented [U.S. 7,155,455 B2] trade facilitation solution is leading the way in both capability and accessibility,” says John A. Clendenin, Chief Executive Officer of ICLogistics. “We are not aware of anyone that can offer this kind of integrated solution, working across multiple software platforms, languages, and document types, that is feasible for a small or medium enterprise to implement and powerful enough for a large corporation or government.”

ICLogistics will be able to showcase the success of its Auto Identification and Data Capture (AIDC) trade facilitation solutions that have been demonstrated in several US Agency for International Development (USAID) sponsored projects in the region. The AIDC and trade data and

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documentation solutions are built on ICLogistics' flagship product Scarborough FairSM by integrating passive Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), Global Positioning System (GPS) and biometric authentication technologies into a holistic trade and supply chain solution. The solutions encompass end-to-end electronic commerce, facilitates rapid border crossings and maintains high-level cargo and border security.

MCA was chosen as the grantee for this regional pilot project because Macedonia currently has the necessary ICT infrastructure to support the pilot. Under a previously completed rural education project in Macedonia, Motorola developed and installed a fixed wireless broadband solution, the Motorola Canopy SystemTM, which allows community service providers to deliver always-on, high-speed Internet access to municipalities, schools, hospitals and residences in rural areas and underserved markets. ICLogistics continues to partner with Motorola and is pleased that this technical solution has enabled Macedonia to become the world's first "Wireless Country."

The pilot project will utilize this system to coordinate communications, as well as Sun Microsystems hardware, servers and RFID devices, along with RFID technology from Neology Incorporated and the electronic signature verification of PenflowTM technology by WonderNet for the project.

USTDA advances economic development and U.S. commercial interests in developing and middle-income countries. The agency funds various forms of technical assistance, early investment analysis, training, orientation visits and business workshops that support the development of a modern infrastructure and a fair and open trading environment. USTDA's strategic use of foreign assistance funds to support sound investment policy and decision-making in host countries creates an enabling environment for trade, investment and sustainable economic development. In carrying out its mission, USTDA gives emphasis to economic sectors that may benefit from U.S. exports of goods and services.

About the Product

Scarborough FairSM allows trading partners to exchange information, such as invoices, purchase orders, and customs declarations, regardless of what software platform they are running. When integrated with AIDC technology the power of the solution to provide real-time, relevant content, tracking and security information is increased exponentially. In previous demonstrations, the solution set has tracked the truck, driver and cargo from the time they left a supplier's loading dock to their arrival at a buyer's factory. ICLogistics facilitates the delivery of electronic documentation to Customs and a border crossing procedure whereby required information can be gathered with a simple scan of the RFID tag, vastly speeding up border crossing times. Security is added to the system using biometric authentication so that no one but an authorized and identified user can gather official information at a border crossing, providing the security necessary in today's environment.

About ICLogistics

ICLogistics provides the connectivity required to complete the "last mile" of supply chain integration in an inexpensive and easy-to-use format. It delivers significant cost savings, international reach and an unprecedented level of access to supply chain information to large corporations and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) by combining a business-to-business (B2B) technology model with a patent-pending process for exchanging inventory and supply chain data. ICLogistics combines Web-enabled data and document management with the integration and information management capabilities of enterprise resources planning (ERP) to power full supply chain integration. www.iclogistics.com.

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