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### **PORT OF BROWNSVILLE CHOOSES SEC-OPS INC. (TEAM SEC-OPS) TO DESIGN AND INSTALL THE TWIC COMPLIANT SECURITY MANAGEMENT SOLUTION AS A PART OF THE TWIC PILOT PROGRAM MEETING TSA STANDARDS**

Corpus Christi, TEXAS—January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009—Sec-Ops Inc. announced that the access control software solution would be Digital Horizon Solutions (DHS) showcasing the Eclipse security management system as the selected system for the Port of Brownsville TWIC Access Control Pilot Project. The Port of Brownsville awarded the project to Sec-Ops, Inc. a service disabled veteran owned small business, who assembled a world class team of seasoned industry veterans and experienced security professionals. SecOps and the Port selected the Eclipse TWIC compliant integrated security management system as their product of choice to complete the multi-phased project. The contract award follows a strong due diligence process that included a qualification report, product demonstrations and on-site presentations of the Eclipse security management system.

Team SecOps, embraced the task of assembling and structuring a superior team of experienced organizations to properly design, integrate, install and support the security mission of the Port of Brownsville. As an integral part of the team, DHS is responsible for providing the Eclipse TWIC compliant integrated security management solution as well as their technology expertise, design capability and project management skills. Our other team members include Surveillance Security Inc. (SSI) and American Surveillance Companies (ASC) as the integration and installation team, and ASIG (Applied Security Innovations Group) professionals in risk analysis, threat assessment and Security Operations utilized in the design and verification of proposed solutions.

The multiphase project encompasses the implementation of the TWIC (Transportation Worker Identification Credentials) compliant access control system and a wide area surveillance and alert notification system. Port of Brownsville is one of four strategic TWIC Pilot Programs currently underway. The Port covers 48000 acres which constitutes the Ports grounds and 17 miles of channel leading in from the Gulf of Mexico. The Port is approximately 3 miles from the border of Mexico and requires additional sophisticated surveillance capabilities that are available with the Eclipse system. The first phase of the project is a \$700,000 award to implement the TWIC access control system and will continue in phase two with the integration of a wide area video surveillance system award for \$1.7 Million.

TWIC™ is smart card that includes personal data such as the cardholder photograph, a biometric and other pertinent data. The TWIC card ensures that only vetted workers are eligible to enter unescorted into a secure area of a Maritime Transportation Security Act-regulated port or vessel and is a nationwide requirement for all Ports across the United States. The Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) is a vital security measure developed following 9/11 that will ensure individuals who pose a threat do not gain unescorted access to secure areas of the nation's maritime transportation system. The Port of Brownsville was awarded one of the four pilot programs due to its' strategic importance.

The DHS Eclipse system met all the requirements set forth by the Port. Eclipse has an open architecture system built on non-proprietary control hardware and fully integrates key security functions such as: access control, video surveillance, biometrics, intrusion detection, alarm management, photo credentialing, video content analysis, TWIC devices, and FIPS 201 devices.



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The system has additional high security and useful features that were key elements to the selection process such as an elegant video management system, sophisticated encryption techniques, mass notification system and has adjustable threat levels that respond to MARSEC conditions.

The Port of Brownsville was quoted; “Based on their proven record, client references and technical approach, The Port of Brownsville was proud to offer team Sec-Ops the opportunity to provide security systems installation and integration for the National TWIC Pilot Program currently in development. This South Texas headquartered team, through their hard work and dedication at every level, has propelled the Port of Brownsville to a leading position in efforts to secure our Nation’s crucial Maritime Infrastructure, while working with the Port to ensure internationally significant operations are not affected throughout the process.”

DHS was quoted; “We are thrilled and honored to be included on the SecOps team and to be selected by the Brownsville Navigation District to participate in this important project. We are confident that the experience and capability we have developed over time and in similar projects will ensure success for this strategically important Port.” says John Carter - President, DHS

#### **About Sec-Ops Inc.**

Headquartered in Corpus Christi, Texas, Sec-Ops provides select clients with facility and security services ranging from integrated security solutions designed for today’s IT environments to response and emergency management services. The Sec-Ops team core principals include providing total security management solution that affords the customers a powerful and user-friendly technology enabling them to combat the ever-increasing threats posed to security, life safety and asset protection. With more than 26 years of security industry experience, the Sec-Ops team has developed and implemented quality solutions far exceeding client standards while remaining in their budget.