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**News**

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### **L-3 Awarded Contract to Develop Cargo System to Detect Shielded Nuclear Material**

WOBURN, Mass., December 19, 2008 – L-3 Security & Detection Systems announced today that it has been awarded a contract by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) to develop a secondary inspection system to clear or detect nuclear material in containers that do not pass primary inspection. The contract, which was awarded under the Shielded Nuclear Alarm Resolution (SNAR) program, has a total value estimated at \$8.5 million.

Using L-3's material discrimination expertise and powerful detection algorithms, this relocatable system will identify isotopes of nuclear material. This enables the system to distinguish between normal cargo materials and real threats, ensuring that containers with well-shielded and well-masked threats are not cleared for acceptance. L-3 is currently performing related technology experiments in partnership with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Middleton, Mass.

"L-3 is refining elemental and material discrimination into a powerful threat detection technology for cargo inspection," said L-3 Security & Detection Systems president, Thomas A. Ripp. "The combination of L-3 and MIT provides the DHS/DNDO with a highly qualified development team. Together we have unique resources and advanced technology to execute the entire SNAR program."

L-3 also continues to develop the Cargo Advanced Automated Radiography System (CAARS), an initiative also funded by the DHS/DNDO. CAARS uses dual-energy X-rays and is designed to automatically detect shielded high-density materials, such as special nuclear materials hidden in trucks and shipping containers. L-3 has been awarded \$15.2 million for CAARS to date.

## **About L-3 Security & Detection Systems**

With a broad range of systems and technology and an installed base of more than 20,000 systems worldwide, L-3 Security & Detection Systems offers screening technologies for numerous security applications that include: aviation systems for hold-baggage explosives detection and checkpoint screening; cargo and air freight screening; port and border inspection; and facility protection. L-3 Security & Detection Systems' customer base includes the U.S. military and numerous government agencies, major airports and airlines, national and local authorities and high-risk commercial enterprises throughout the world. To learn more about L-3 Communications Security & Detection Systems, please visit the company's Web site at [www.L-3Com.com/SDS](http://www.L-3Com.com/SDS).

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications employs over 64,000 people worldwide and is a prime contractor in aircraft modernization and maintenance, C<sup>3</sup>ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) systems and government services. L-3 is also a leading provider of high technology products, subsystems and systems. The company reported 2007 sales of \$14 billion. To learn more about L-3, please visit the company's Web site at [www.L-3Com.com](http://www.L-3Com.com).

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