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Contract to Produce Tsunami Warning Systems Awarded to Synergy

Redmond, Wash.—Synergy Systems, a wholly owned subsidiary of Sealaska Corporation and one of the largest prototype and limited run machine shops in the Northwest, was recently awarded a contract to produce parts for the Deep Ocean Assessment and Reporting of Tsunamis (DART) project.

DART systems consist of recorders that are connected to surface buoys and anchored to the seafloor. The systems are designed to allow for real-time communication and monitoring of geographic signals that could be warning signs of a tsunami. Thirty-two new DART buoys were ordered by the Bush Administration to improve the country's tsunami detection and warning systems after the tragic December 26, 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

Under the new contract, Synergy will produce and deliver part sets for 10 DART systems over the next four months. The manufacturing of each part set will require the use of Synergy's broad scope of prototyping and machining capabilities and services.

The National Data Buoy Center (NDBC), a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), supports the DART project. The DART project

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aims to reduce the loss of life and property in United States coastal communities and eliminate costly false alarms.

“Working with the NDBC is a big opportunity for us. Not only does this mark the beginning of a great business partnership, but it also allows Synergy to be a part of something that could help save lives. We’re excited to be working on such an important project,” said Don Williams, president of Synergy Systems.

Sealaska Corporation was formed in 1971 as a result of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. Sealaska represents 17,500 shareholders as the Southeast Regional Native Corporation. For additional information please visit www.sealaska.com

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