

3M RFID Tracking System to Be Installed at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton and Alaska National Guard

RFID systems help enable productivity gains in military file management

St. Paul, MN – October 21, 2009 – 3M Track and Trace Solutions will install its RFID Tracking System at the Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton (MCBH) in Oceanside, Calif., and the Alaska National Guard in Anchorage, helping both bases efficiently manage their personnel records. 3M's RFID tracking solutions, used for tracking physical files in an array of industrial, government and commercial applications, have recently been used in a successful pilot project for the military at the Personnel Administrative Center at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Now, the recently introduced File Tracking Software V3.0 will offer military personnel even more options for RFID application and management with a number of valuable improvements.

“Accounting for our base’s 40,000-plus records has been an ongoing process,” said Chief Warrant Officer Ray Sutton, Continuous Process Improvement Officer at IPAC Camp Pendleton. “With the installation of RFID tracking, we are projecting a decrease in man hours and an increase in accuracy that will result in savings of \$1.5 million annually.”

A number of factors make RFID technology particularly useful for military settings, helping staff improve productivity by reducing the time spent locating and managing documents. The tags used with the system have the durability to withstand global deployments over lengthy careers. The systems are affordable, particularly in light of the productivity gains they enable, and they are intuitive, enabling fast training for users. Additionally, RFID systems support the frequent need for swift and error-free deployment. The pilot program at MCBH has demonstrated improved productivity, reduced administrative errors and increased speed in accepting, deploying and reassigning of personnel.

Compatible with the Windows Vista operating system from Microsoft and 3M's latest D4 RFID tag, the upgrade works cooperatively with the latest generation of RFID hardware and

software. Additionally, new web-based locating and reporting abilities allow users to access the system with any computer that has a web browser.

“The web-based abilities will allow us important flexibility in our use of the system,” said Chief Warrant Officer Pedro Hernandez, IPAC Systems Integration Officer at Camp Pendleton. “3M’s system is well suited for our needs, and their reputation gives us confidence that this will be a successful implementation.”

File tracking software V3.0 provides configurable, real-time alerting features, helping to save staff time when locating files and increase the system’s utilization. Features such as email notifications and custom alerts help staff quickly locate and manage assets. Additionally, the web-based reporting abilities allow personnel to easily generate lists of items checked in and out, as well as to access custom reports designed by 3M.

V3.0 is now available to all new 3M customers, and also is available as an upgrade for existing customers.

For more information about 3M RFID Tracking Solutions, visit <http://www.3m.com/rfid>

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