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L-3 VERTEX WINS CONTRACTOR/MILITARY COLLABORATION OF THE YEAR AWARD AT DEFENSE LOGISTICS CONFERENCE

MADISON, Miss. (December 20, 2005) – L-3 Vertex Aerospace (L-3 Vertex), a subsidiary of L-3 Communications (NYSE: LLL), was awarded the In-Theatre Contractor/Military Collaboration of the Year Award at the Annual North American Defense Logistics Conference in Washington D.C. L-3 Vertex Contract Field Services received the award with the U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC), Army Field Support Battalion – Iraq (AFSBn-IRI) for a collaborative effort on the Tactical Wheeled Vehicle Service Center (TWVSC) at Balad, Iraq.

Col. Carl Cartwright of AMC and Dennis Mirabile, program manager for L-3 Vertex, accepted the collaborative award. Mirabile stated, “What started as a small Heavy Equipment Transport (HET) team has developed into a Tactical Wheeled Service Center (TWSC). We now have 150 employees supporting this effort with Add On Armor (AOA) and quality vehicle maintenance services and repairs. This mission to support the War Fighter is being fulfilled under difficult circumstances and would not have been possible without the support and dedication of our employees and soldier-partners,” he said.

“We are extremely proud of our Vertex team members in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan supporting our armed forces,” said Dan Grafton, L-3 Vertex president. “These employees live in tents, eat military rations and work side by side with our fighting men and women to help fulfill their critically important mission,” he said.

L-3 Vertex Contract Field Services deploys mobile, highly-skilled field teams around the world on short notice through a number of work-order based, Indefinite Quantity / Indefinite Delivery contracts for U.S. Government customers. Services include maintenance and supply operations for aircraft, vehicles, and weapons systems. L-3 Vertex is subcontracted through DUCOM, Inc. on the Tactical Wheeled Vehicle Depot work order in Iraq.

L-3 Vertex Aerospace provides aviation and other aerospace technical services, primarily to government customers. The company has nearly 12,000 employees working from 300 locations worldwide. L-3 Vertex is a subsidiary of L-3’s Integrated Systems division.

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications is a leading provider of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) systems, secure communications systems, aircraft modernization, training, and government services. The company is a leading merchant supplier of a

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broad array of high technology products, including guidance and navigation, sensors, scanners, fuzes, data links, propulsion systems, simulators, avionics, electro optics, satellite communications, electrical power equipment, encryption, signal intelligence, antennas and microwave components. L-3 also supports a variety of Homeland Security initiatives with products and services. Its customers include the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, selected U.S. Government intelligence agencies and aerospace prime contractors.

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