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U.S. Coast Guard Selects Datastrip Handheld Biometric Terminals for TWIC

WAYNE, Pa. (January 8, 2009) — Datastrip Inc., a world leader in field-proven mobile identity verification technology, will provide its DSV2+^{TURBO}® handheld biometric terminals to the U.S. Coast Guard for its Transportation Worker Identification Credential program. The DSV2+^{TURBO} devices are specified in the Coast Guard's contract with integrator SAIC.

The \$2.3 million contract calls for up to 300 handheld terminals equipped with Codebench's TWICCheck and PIVCheck software. The DSV2+^{TURBO} devices will be used by the Coast Guard to read the biometric data on TWIC cards for ID verification at U.S. ports.

“Datastrip's role in the TWIC program demonstrates our commitment to supporting Homeland Security efforts and providing devices that operate in the most demanding environments,” said Joe Delaney, Datastrip's vice president of sales and marketing. “The DSV2+^{TURBO}'s field-proven design, 16-hour battery life and resistance to harsh weather make it the right choice for implementing TWIC in rugged port environments.”

DSV2+^{TURBO} devices are also being used in another Coast Guard initiative called Biometrics at Sea. This program is a field-test type of validation testing currently in place in the Mona Passage between the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. It allows the Coast Guard to identify illegal immigrants intercepted in transit. In its first year, the program has cut the flow of illegal immigrants by nearly 50 percent.

About Datastrip

Datastrip is a world leader in field-proven mobile identity verification. Together with market-leading biometric and information technology vendors, Datastrip specializes in providing secure portable information and ID solutions that provide on-the-spot verification of credentials from any individual. The Datastrip product line supports facial, iris and fingerprint biometric matching, as well as contact-based and contactless cards such as national ID cards and passports. For more information, visit www.datastrip.com or call (800) 548-2517.

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