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## **Advantage Factory Partners with NCI Inc. to Win \$61.6 Million PEO STRI Technical Support Task Order**

**Burlington, WA - September 8, 2004** – Advantage Factory, LLC, a professional services company focused on application development, knowledge management, and Net-Centric systems integration, announced today that their team lead by partner, NCI Information Systems, Inc., (NCI) has been awarded a five-year task order with an estimated value of \$61.6 million, from the Corporate Information Office (CIO) of the United States Army's Program Executive Office for Simulation, Training and Instrumentation (PEO STRI), in Orlando, Florida. The award was made under the U.S. Army Information Technology Enterprise Solutions Enterprise Mission Support Services Solutions (ITES EMS3) task order.

Under the PEO STRI task order, Advantage Factory and the NCI team will assist PEO STRI CIO customers in information assurance, application development and maintenance, and other services in support of the Information Technology (IT) infrastructure

“NCI is pleased to have Advantage Factory as a key partner on this team,” said Bob Kirsch, PEO STRI Program Manager for NCI. “Their mentor-level expertise in implementing Microsoft's .NET applications will be invaluable to ensure the PEO STRI CIO office remains the Army's leading edge of technology.”

The period of performance for this task order began September 1, 2004, with a transition from the previous contractor to be completed by September 14, 2004. The base year will be through August 31, 2005, with four one-year options. Other key NCI partners on this award include: SAIC, Cherry Road Technologies, Hewlett Packard, and Integic.

“This is a tremendous win for Advantage Factory and will allow us to expand employment in our Skagit County offices” said Ken Schneider, President and co-Founder of Advantage Factory. “It also proves we can effectively compete in the federal IT procurement arena by providing a better business value to our customers”.

### **About Advantage Factory, LLC.**

Founded in 2001, Advantage Factory builds solutions based on a foundation of open, standards-based technologies designed to be integrated with Net-Centric frameworks (.NET or J2EE) and enterprise legacy systems. Advantage Factory senior managers and technical engineers regularly work on-site with Microsoft's product teams in Redmond, WA and have existing “in-house” .NET-based engagements within Microsoft as well as several significant commercial engagements with Global 500 corporations throughout the United States and internationally. Headquartered in Burlington, Washington, Advantage

Factory is a privately held HUBZone registered company with offices in Redmond, WA, Philadelphia, PA, and Washington DC.

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**About NCI Information Systems, Inc.**

Founded in 1989, NCI Information Systems, Inc. – an ISO 9001 certified company – is considered the “partner of choice” by government customers and systems integrators. NCI’s award-winning expertise encompasses areas critical to its customers’ mission objectives including enterprise management and services, information assurance, network engineering and systems development and integration. Headquartered in Reston, Virginia, NCI is privately held, has 60 locations and over 1,400 employees worldwide.

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