Harris Corporation Authorized to Connect Veterans Affairs and DoD Electronic Health Record Systems

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MELBOURNE, Fla. & WASHINGTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Mar 4, 2013--Harris Corporation (NYSE:HRS), an international communications and information technology company, has been authorized to deploy a solution that enables the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DoD) to share electronic health records. The authorization represents a major milestone in one of the world’s most ambitious efforts to integrate health information, involving two major healthcare systems that are pioneers in electronic medical record keeping.

Harris completed the Critical Design Review process and achieved Authorization to Operate for the initial deployment of the Services Oriented Architecture (SOA) suite that will support information sharing between the VA and the DoD. The SOA will enable new types of clinical collaboration and integration of legacy data in standard interfaces that help users to exchange information in real time, without needing to change source data or displays.

The Authorization to Operate enables Harris to deploy the solution in facilities in San Antonio, Texas and Hampton Roads, Virginia. The rollout approach helps to optimize the capability before deploying it more broadly to VA and DoD facilities worldwide.

This authorization milestone is part of a multi-year, $80 million healthcare integration contract awarded to Harris in March 2012. The contract helps the VA and DoD streamline administration and record keeping, exchange health information, contain costs, track and manage care and enhance outcomes for millions of active duty and retired military personnel and their families.

The VA and DoD have a complex suite of healthcare information systems, as well as two hundred local data centers. The SOA Suite provides a single solution for the two agencies. It will integrate existing and future systems, applications and medical data utilizing state-of-art Commercial Off-the-Shelf and Open Source technologies to provide secure, reliable, and high-performance implementation for health record data exchange across the DoD and VA healthcare systems.

"The capability Harris provides to the VA and DoD promotes health information sharing across the full spectrum of military service, from active to retired service," said Dr. Vishal Agrawal, president, Harris Healthcare Solutions. "It will ease and expedite the transition of millions of service members from military healthcare to the VA, and reduce cost associated with duplicate diagnostic testing. The SOA Suite solution will create an enabling platform for unprecedented continuity of care across a service member's lifetime." A nationally recognized leader in clinical connectivity, collaboration, and intelligence solutions, Harris offers a full range of interoperability

solutions, including IT infrastructure and management, clinical workflow and analytics, health information exchange, and imaging. Harris solutions improve health-care quality, safety, efficiency, cost and outcomes by ensuring that the right information travels, with security and privacy, to the right person, at the right time, on the right device, at the point of care.

About Harris Corporation
Harris is an international communications and information technology company serving government and commercial markets in more than 125 countries. Headquartered in Melbourne, Florida, the company has approximately $5.5 billion of annual revenue and about 15,000 employees — including 6,000 engineers and scientists. Harris is dedicated to developing best-in-class assured communications ® products, systems, and services. Additional information about Harris Corporation is available at harris.com.

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