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Hi-Tech Solutions Awarded U.S Gov't OCR Orders

Hi-Tech Solutions USA (HTS USA) has been awarded a contract by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) for container OCR (optical character recognition) systems. HTS USA will supply directly to PNNL the OCR gate portal systems for container recognition and identification.

The container portal OCR systems will be operated in U.S. seaports. The OCR systems will complement and be integrated with container radiation portal systems.

The OCR systems will automatically identify the container codes with high accuracy based on only two container views (one side and rear view).

According to Dr. Don Brick, president of HTS USA, this contract represents an increasing role for the company in container security projects. Additionally, the contract will leverage on HTS USA's expanded operations for the supply and service of OCR systems in North America.

This contract for Container OCR systems, awarded to Hi-Tech Solutions for implementation in U.S. Government related projects, follows previous projects including a rail container OCR system for the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA), which was supplied in 2005 and recently commissioned. The Rail OCR system at ACTA identifies double-stacked containers on rail cars, on three parallel rail tracks as the container trains travel through the Alameda Corridor at speeds up to 40mph.

In addition to the container OCR orders, Hi-Tech Solutions also recently received a separate order for a LPR (license plate recognition) access control system for access control and security management of vehicular traffic into the Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, New York. The Brookhaven National Laboratory is co-managed by Battelle.