



ESI Reseller AMERICAN SYSTEMS awarded \$20 million contract for Department of Agriculture communications systems

ESI Communications Servers to enhance productivity for up to 3,000 USDA offices

PLANO, TEXAS, OCTOBER 13, 2009 — [Estech Systems, Inc. \(ESI\)](#), an innovative leader in digital and IP business communications systems, announced today that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will deploy ESI Communications Servers to modernize its communications.

Last month, ESI Reseller AMERICAN SYSTEMS announced that it has been awarded a highly competitive blanket purchase agreement, with a potential value of \$20 million, by the USDA's International Technology Services (ITS) contracting team, under the General Services Administration's Connections Contract.

"We are delighted to work with AMERICAN SYSTEMS to upgrade this vital government agency with the latest ESI innovations," said Doug Boyd, President and Chief Operating Officer of ESI. "I am confident our past experience working with government agencies and our advanced technologies will produce measurable improvement in agency productivity." Boyd added, "ESI's world-class support resources are ready to help if assistance is required."

Under the agreement, which is expected to run through January, 2012, AMERICAN SYSTEMS will install and provide end user training on ESI Communications Servers for approximately 3,000 service center agencies nationwide.

ESI's powerful Communications Servers will give USDA service center agencies easy-to-use communications features — including Voice over IP (VoIP), voice mail, and auto attendant, as well as support for applications such as presence management, call logging, Bluetooth voice integration, remote networking, and session initiation protocol (SIP) — while helping improve overall administrative efficiency.

"ESI has a long history of creating easy-to-use telecom products which makes them an excellent partner," said William C. Hoover, President and Chief Executive Officer of AMERICAN SYSTEMS. "The unique applications offered by ESI's feature-rich Communications Servers made the company a logical choice for this effort."

About AMERICAN SYSTEMS

Founded in 1975, AMERICAN SYSTEMS is one of the largest employee-owned companies in the United States, with approximately 1,300 employees nationwide. Based in the Washington, DC, suburb of Chantilly, Virginia, the company provides systems engineering, technical, and managed services to government and enterprise customers. AMERICAN SYSTEMS was named to the Federal 100 list in 2009 for influencing how the government buys, uses, and manages IT.

For more information about AMERICAN SYSTEMS, visit www.americansystems.com.

About ESI

ESI (Estech Systems, Inc.) designs and manufactures business communications systems and components. ESI's systems offer advanced technological design and ease-of-use, yet are very cost-competitive. The product line includes ESI Communications Servers, which support both digital and IP technologies in any desired combination. ESI's business communications systems are sold through hundreds of factory-trained Certified Resellers. Founded in 1987, ESI is a privately held corporation with headquarters in Plano, Texas. Any registered trademarks or trade names mentioned herein are the property of their products' or services' respective owners. ESI communications systems are protected by various U.S. Patents, granted and pending. Product details are subject to change without notice.

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