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U.S.A.F. AWARDS BPA CONTRACT AWARD TO BERING TO REPLACE LEGACY HP7907 DISC DRIVES FOR F-16 AIS PROGRAM.

San Jose, CA—July 6, 2002—Bering Technology, Inc. has received a BPA contract award to supply the U.S.A.F. with its OptiPac-3 8602-BDL disk subsystem. The disk storage unit replaces the legacy Hewlett-Packard 7907 removable disk drives on HP1000A RTE computer systems. Air Force customers for Bering's OptiPac-3 are located in the United States and thirteen countries worldwide.

The Air Logistic Command (ALC) at Hill AFB will acquire the Bering disk drive units as part of the F-16 AVIONICS INTERMEDIATE SHOP (AIS) program which tests the Line Replaceable Units (LRUs) of the F-16 Fighting Falcon. The OptiPac-3 computer storage unit features dual magneto-optical (MO) disk drives from Fujitsu and Bering's disk controller that supports Hewlett-Packard's HP-IB interface. The *drop-in* replacement disk drive unit provides improved reliability, storage capacity, and performance over the aging legacy HP 7907 disk drives.

The BPA with the Air Force helps to fill a recurring supply of the OptiPac-3 storage unit and save on administrative time and effort. BPA SPO500-02-G-0009 is established in accordance with the terms and conditions of Bering's GSA Contract GS-35F-5378H, FSS Schedule 70, Special Item Number 132-8, Purchase of Hardware. The NSN for the OptiPac-3 8602-BDL with Rackmount Kit is 7025-01-492-5817. Contracting Officers of the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia are authorized to place orders under this BPA.

Bering Technology, Inc. is a privately held company located in San Jose, CA U.S.A. The company has specialized in designing and manufacturing storage technology products for the Hewlett-Packard computer systems since 1981.

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