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**NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE RADAR UPGRADE TO BE PERFORMED
BY BARON SERVICES, AFFILIATE OF AVIATION SUPPLIER WXWORX,
THROUGH L-3 COMMUNICATIONS PARTNERSHIP ON \$43 MILLION
NEXRAD PROGRAM**

October 10, 2007 – HUNTSVILLE, AL – WxWorx proudly announces that its affiliate, Baron Services, through its partnership with L-3 Communications, is part of the team awarded a five-year, \$43 million, firm fixed price contract from NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS). Under the contract, which was awarded based on the best technological solution and overall value, Baron Services will provide design, development and production for a comprehensive system-wide upgrade of the 171 NWS, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Department of Defense (DOD) NEXRAD radars.

The NEXRAD upgrade will include converting the radars to dual-polarization Doppler capability, technology that will significantly enhance the Weather Service's ability to specifically identify and accurately measure precipitation. This capability will aid in saving lives by enabling meteorologists to predict severe weather effects, such as flash floods and winter precipitation, more precisely than before.

"We're very proud to have been selected as a partner in this program and we look forward to working with L-3," said Robert O. Baron, President and CEO of WxWorx and Baron Services. "Our team brought leading technology solutions to the table, and did so at the best value," he added.

Unlike conventional radar systems, which transmit solely a horizontal scan, Baron's dual-polarimetric radars send out both vertical and horizontal polarized beams, and enable meteorologists to see twice as much data as they can using systems not employing this technique. Because dual-polarimetric radars use hydrometeor classification to identify the location and type of precipitation that is falling, they provide more accurate information about the size, shape, orientation and state of hydrological data. This enables forecasting with them to be highly precise.

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Both Baron Services and L-3 Communications are well recognized for their contributions to the aviation industry. Baron Services, that has installed all broadcast dual-polarimetric radars in the world, has experienced significant success in domestic and international radar and weather markets. It continually infuses new technological and data advancements into WxWorx.

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About L-3 Communications

Headquartered in New York City, L-3 Communications employs over 63,000 people worldwide and is a prime system contractor in aircraft modernization and maintenance, C3ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) systems and government services. L-3 is also a leading provider of high technology products, systems and subsystems. The company reported 2006 sales of \$12.5 billion.

About WxWorx

WxWorx, Inc. is an innovative weather company that provides site-specific, real-time weather information for the XM WX Satellite Weather service. As the premier weather service for mobile users, it not only includes standard NEXRAD radar available from other resources, but a superior portfolio of data products that provide frequent updates on weather conditions. Weather data is retrieved and updated constantly from WxWorx sources located at thousands of points across the nation to ensure users have information at their fingertips whenever and wherever they need it. Founded as an affiliate of Baron Services in 2002, WxWorx employs the same weather data broadcast by meteorologists to more than 235 million people nationwide. WxWorx is based in Huntsville, Ala., with offices in Melbourne, Fla. For more information, please visit www.wxworx.com.