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Dataline Introduces Mobile Command Center Ultra Light Kit

Cutting-edge, lightweight and cost-efficient Internet or satellite communications unit allows real-time communication between military forces or other units anywhere in the world

NORFOLK, Va., – Dataline, a Norfolk-based information technology systems integrator for the commercial and government business sectors, announced today that it is now delivering an improved and ultra-light version of its Mobile Command Center. The Mobile Command Center is a cutting-edge portable communications unit that allows real-time data, telephone, and video conferencing communication between commanders, soldiers, and deployed units anywhere in the world. The Mobile Command Center Ultra Light Kit is small enough to fit on a commercial aircraft either under the seat or in the overhead compartment and weighs between 40 and 60 pounds. Previous versions weighed 75 pounds and were larger.

The Mobile Command Center provides real-time, secure communications of all types including telephone, e-mail, text messaging, streaming video, and video teleconferencing. The communication between military or other forces can be handled by multiple networks at different security levels and is catered to the specific needs of each client. The unit provides decision makers at any level or location with a wide array of information and data. This real-time communication provides an accurate picture of what those in the field are experiencing.

Dataline has manufactured, deployed and supports more than 80 units of the Mobile Command Center for various Department of Defense (DoD) customers. Dataline is currently under contract with the U.S. Navy and U.S. Joint Forces Command to deliver the unit to DoD and civilian agencies worldwide. An additional 75 units are projected to be delivered before summer.

“We are very pleased with outstanding feedback we have received from our customers in the armed forces deployed all over the world,” said Denise Robinson, president of Dataline. “Our mission is to constantly find ways to make our customers’ jobs easier and more successful by integrating the most current cutting-edge technology into tailored and cost-efficient solutions. We fulfilled the mission in this case by developing the most portable communications unit on the market with this level of capabilities.”

The new Ultra Light Kit also allows end users to utilize a public Internet connection from their hotel rooms or other locations where available. The customer can then take advantage of all the available capabilities as if they were connected through a satellite connection. This enhancement provides substantial cost savings for the users. For example, the users now can connect through the public Internet for about \$10 per day using a hotel broadband connection versus the high cost of Satellite Airtime.

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One DoD customer wrote: "... That is fantastic! We have really enjoyed using the Ultra Lite kit. [We] Just came off of trip to Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia. [We] Used the kit via ISDN, M4 and C-37. All love the small size package with no loss of capability....Appreciate all you guys are doing to make our job easier and more successful..."

"Traditionally, when a new technology is introduced into the market, it can take years to get it deployed to the warfighters. We are trying to shorten that cycle by making these products available today," said Dr. Dave Glovier, chief technology officer of Dataline. "We quickly integrate the newest technologies into our systems in order to deliver the smallest, lightest and most capable package that meets our customers' needs."

The Mobile Command Center family of products and services meets the immediate needs of numerous users, including fixed headquarters, commanders and staffs on the move, forward command elements and small striking teams. The development of each unit begins with an in-depth user requirement analysis to ensure the user receives the capabilities needed at the lowest cost.

Dataline, Inc. is an information technology systems integrator that specializes in delivering customized, creative IT solutions for customers in the commercial and government sectors. Dataline was founded in 1990 and employs more than 360 professionals in its corporate offices in Norfolk, Va., and satellite offices throughout the United States. For additional information, visit www.dataline.com.

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