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AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS INSTITUTE AWARDED MAJOR U.S. NAVY CONTRACT

PHILADELPHIA, PA (July 18, 2008) – The American Competitiveness Institute ([ACI](#)), a scientific research and development corporation headquartered in Philadelphia, has been awarded a five year, \$100 million dollar contract from the U.S. Navy’s Office of Naval Research ([ONR](#)) to manage and operate the Benchmarking and Best Manufacturing Processes Center of Excellence ([BBP](#)).

The purpose of this effort is to identify, validate, benchmark, and facilitate the dissemination (sharing) of best-in-class practices, processes, methodologies, systems, and pre-competitive technologies. In doing so, it will enhance and promote communications, corporation, integration, and interdependency across the defense industry that will result in improvements in affordability and performance of defense platforms and weapon systems. The work will be performed in Philadelphia, Pa. According to [ACI](#)’s founder and President/CEO Alan J. Criswell, “this contract award is quite synergistic with our existing base of advanced manufacturing technology work and affords us a great opportunity to expand our ongoing efforts across multiple manufacturing technology areas that are important to the DoD”.

The American Competitiveness Institute ([ACI](#)) was established in 1992 as a scientific research corporation dedicated to the advancement and integration of leading edge technologies in advanced manufacturing technologies and related engineering applications. [ACI](#) is also currently under contract to manage the Navy’s Electronics Manufacturing Center of Excellence ([EMPE](#)), which it has successfully done since 1995 and also performs ongoing sustainment engineering services for the [U.S. Army](#) in addition to supplying a variety of analytical and training services to industry. The [ACI](#) facility is located in an office campus adjacent to the Philadelphia International Airport. The facility houses a demonstration factory, three laboratories (engineering, analytical and packaging), fully equipped classrooms with multimedia training aids, as well as conference and lecture rooms with video conferencing capabilities. Visit [ACI](#) on the internet at aciusa.org

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