

DICE Called Upon to Aid Homeland Security Effort

DICE Corp., Bay City, Mich., won the contract to deploy a monitoring/messaging system and authority database for use in a Homeland Security nationwide communication system. The system will be used as the backbone to aid federal and local emergency management and response agencies, 911 centers, and those responsible for any emergency, disaster or terrorist attack. The project is being tested in Washington D.C.'s Northern Shenandoah Valley.

The DICE-developed monitoring system receives signals from any agency, determines which areas and authorities to which that data needs to be communicated, and sends the information upstream for all participating agencies. Features of the nationwide communication project include emergency services resource

availability, various communication techniques, including a low-cost web interface, and integration with several new and existing emergency protocols, including Amber Alert.

The system is equipped to handle all emergencies, from hazardous material spills and natural disasters to automatic crash notifications, public health alerts, terrorist threats and even railroad incidents. The new software also has interfaces for alarm industry automation systems, including panic, fire, medical emergency and burglary. The system provides two-way communication for each connected agency, which allows the alarm industry to receive reports on actions and events.

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