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DHS Secretary Chertoff Announces Goals for National Interoperability by 2008; Statement of CoCo Communications CEO Mark Tucker

McLEAN, VA (November 28, 2006) – Mark Tucker, president and chief executive officer of CoCo Communications, operators of the nation's first interoperable homeland security network for local, state and federal agencies, today issued the following statement in response to remarks given by Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff at the Grants and Training 2006 National Conference.

"CoCo Communications commends Secretary Chertoff for his commitment to ensuring the implementation of nationwide interoperable emergency communications by 2008. A true nationwide public safety communications network will strengthen our nation and its response efforts, both in times of crisis and in day to day operations.

"While much work remains in order to meet the Secretary's goal, CoCo Communications stands ready to continue to assist DHS, states, counties and cities to meet this challenge – a challenge that the City of Dallas has successfully met through a program that was originally funded by DHS to find easily deployable and effective solutions to the challenge. By subscribing to CoCo Communications' software-based National Interoperable Communications Service, Dallas first responders and emergency personnel can now seamlessly communicate with each other using their existing equipment, radios and networks. Not only is this approach a highly affordable and scalable method that is in line with the Secretary's goals, but cities, counties and states that wish to subscribe can obtain funding through the myriad of grant opportunities made available by DHS and other Federal agencies.

"The National Interoperable Communications Service serve is a true model of success for DHS and the nation to help meet the goals outlined by Secretary Chertoff today. We look forward to expanding the Service nationwide in 2007."

"CoCo Communications applauds Secretary Chertoff for his commitment to this essential public safety issue and looks forward to working with him and his staff to make this goal a reality."

About CoCo Communications Corp.

CoCo provides secure resilient convergence solutions to the military, government agencies and first responders. CoCo Communications Corp. was founded in 2002 after analyzing many well-documented communications failures and shortcomings. The company developed the CoCo Protocol, a technology that solves many of the most critical challenges affecting communications systems today – resilience, mobility, security and convergence. As a result, our nation's first responders—as well as public and private operators of critical infrastructures—can now have secure, interoperable, and scalable communications without altering the way they traditionally communicate with each other. CoCo™ convergence fabric joins existing communication networks together enabling previously separate systems to operate as a single service. The company has numerous patents pending on its standards-based security platform. Visit www.cococorp.com for more information.

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