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## CLIENT PROFILE

# Akal awarded major CSO contracts



L to R: CSO Vincent Oliva, LCSO Robert Jedamzik, Paul Coulston, CSO Yolanda Beaver and CSO Mary Gifford

**This August, Akal was reawarded U.S. Marshals Service contracts to provide court security services for the seventh, ninth and eleventh judicial circuits.**

The three five-year contracts represent one of the largest security guard procurements undertaken by the federal government, representing about \$80 million in 2004 and involving about 1,300 court security officers.

According to Daya Khalsa, the contracts were awarded based on a number of criteria – tech-

nical understanding and approach to the work; the management plan to manage and administer the work; caliber of proposed key personnel; past performance in the industry; and price in relation to total value proposition.

“This reaward confirms the quality of work Akal has been

providing to the Marshals Service, particularly when you consider that the contracts cover such large, diverse areas of the U.S.,” Daya said.

The seventh circuit covers Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. The ninth circuit is Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho and Montana. The eleventh circuit includes Florida, Alabama and Georgia.

Close to a dozen people were involved with the proposal development, including Contract Managers James Tassone, Paul Coulston, Larry Homenick and Bob Chee. According to Daya, Akal faced three to five serious competitors, depending on the circuit.

“The bottom line is that we offered the greatest value for the government,” said Daya.



L to R: Contract Manager Paul J. Coulston, CSOs Joan Felicichia, David Saggars, Phil Boomershine, Gerald Gebhart, LCSO Thomas “Scott” Stuart, Site Supervisor of the Northern District of Indiana Jay Allen.



## NOTEWORTHY NEWS



### Fort Stewart excellence leads to expanded services

This September Akal officers serving at Fort Stewart in southeast Georgia received high praise and a certificate of appreciation from Lt. Col. Matt Huey, Fort Stewart's Provost Marshal and director of public safety.

Citing Akal's dedicated and highly skilled employees, Lt. Col. Huey praised the officers' professionalism, loyalty, teamwork and dedication to mission.

"Through its day-to-day security mission, including RAMP Operations with large numbers of offenders being identified and cited, and through special missions such as this summer's G8 Conference security ramp-up, Akal Security has shown its vast ability to provide security and protection 24 / 7," wrote Huey.

Akal's performance led to an expansion of the services provided for the army post. In addition to access point security, Akal will now be responsible for security along range roads. Akal will also expand operations to Hunter Army Airfield near Savannah, Ga. The contract expansion means the number of Akal officers will increase by one-third.

## ABOVE & BEYOND THE CALL

# Sergeant Amy Kroth honored for saving child's life

In August Sgt. Amy Kroth saved the life of a 10-month old boy by performing CPR after he stopped breathing during his parents' visit to the local Federal Protective Services (FPS) building. The parents were carrying their child to the front of the building to wait for paramedics. When Kroth found them in the elevator, the child had no pulse and wasn't breathing. She performed CPR until paramedics arrived.

"Sergeant Kroth's actions were nothing short of heroic. When the emergency arose, she didn't hesitate. I have no doubt that the child is alive today because of

her actions," wrote Minnesota Area FPS Commander Ronald Chamberlain on the department's homepage.

Kroth supervises the FPS team that screens visitors who come to the Citizenship and Immigration Services offices for immigration-related matters.

Sgt. Kroth's efforts were honored at a ceremony in September at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) building in Bloomington, Minn. High-level representatives from the FPS and ICE, as well as local media attended the ceremony.

### Teeing up for charity

CSO John Brubacher and Gary Odegard, District of Wyoming, received words of praise from Chief Deputy Tim Moseley for their help with a charitable golf tournament sponsored by the U.S. Marshals Service. The event raised \$1,500 for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), a group that helps children who have been abused or neglected.

"Without all the hard work (on their own time) and support of John and Gary, we would not have been able to raise as much money as we did," wrote Moseley.



CSOs Charles A. Martini and William A. Ryan presenting Ms. Britt Fife, area representative for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, with a check.

In June, CSOs from the Middle District of Florida sponsored the third annual Federal Court Officer Golf Tournament. This year's tournament raised \$800, which was donated to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

#### *Pictured above left*

Chain of Command for Akal Security at Fort Stewart, Ga., in front of the Army Division Headquarters. Akal received a Certificate of Appreciation from the outgoing Provost Marshal at Fort Stewart for outstanding service in support of security operations and force protection.

## ACA gives Akal high marks

### In November, the American Correctional Association's (ACA) Certification Team

spent a week reviewing policies, procedures, rules, regulations, operations and documentation at the Krome Service Processing Center in Miami, Fla. Part of the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement Division (ICE), the Krome Service Processing Center houses approximately 300 detainees. Akal officers are responsible to move detainees within the facilities, maintain order in the barracks, oversee entry screening, and badge visitors.

According to Joe Colon, Akal project manager, the ACA team stated they were impressed with the overall operations of the facility.

"The Audit Team said that it was evident the Akal and ICE organizations had a good working relationship and that Akal employees were fully familiar with their overall job descriptions and professional in demeanor and appearance," said Colon.

The Krome Service Processing Center received a 99.4 percent certification rating, one of the highest ratings ever awarded to an ICE facility.



ABOVE & BEYOND THE CALL

# Outstanding Accomplishments

## Timothy Lowenberg, State of Washington, Military Department,

wrote to thank Akal for their participation in a port security seminar presented to port officials visiting from Thailand. Capt. Steve Smith, chief of guards, and Sgt. Darrell Thompson, Logistics Center CVIP supervisor, were commended for the site orientation briefing they created that covered the spectrum of logistical gate operations. "The information gained from your portion of this seminar will help promote the overall security advancements of the Port of Laem Chabang," wrote Lowenberg.

## CSO Laura Tradewell, District of Minnesota,

recently completed a training program at the Midwest Mounted Horse Patrol School in Minnesota. Tradewell is recently retired from the Crystal, Minn. Police Department where

she served one year as an equestrian officer. U.S. Marshal Allen Garber sponsored CSO Tradewell's training.

**In August, CSO Allen Dienslake, District of North Dakota,** received a letter of commendation from U.S. Marshal David Carpenter for his role in detaining a fugitive. On August 4, CSO Dienslake recognized a fugitive wanted by the district, confirmed the individual was wanted, then pursued and detained the man until a Deputy U.S. Marshal arrived and arrested him.

**The District of Oregon recently chose CSO Robert Winkler** as the CSO of the Quarter for the fourth quarter 2004. CSO Winkler has served as a court security officer since 1996 and was chosen because of his attention to detail and overall excellent performance.



CSO Laura C. Tradewell at the Midwest Mounted Horse Patrol School held in Maple Plain, Minn.

**Two CSOs were recently recognized** for 20 years of service. CSO Robert Barton, District of Alaska, completed 20 years on August 1. LCSO Jess O'Neal Darden, Middle District of Alabama, completed his 20 years on October 1. Both officers received a certificate of appreciation.

**LCSO Gerald M. Kalisz, Western District of New York retired December 3** after 17 years as a CSO. Robert Seignious, Contract Manager, 2nd Judicial Circuit, presented Kalisz with a certificate of appreciation for his dedication and faithful years of service.

## Base commander recognizes Akal officers

### At a brief ceremony on September 2, Akal Project Manager Rob Mauk accepted an award

on behalf of officers at Fort Campbell, Hopkinsville, Ky. The certificate, signed by Maj. Gen. Thomas Turner, base commander, stated, "Your staff provides an invaluable service through an aggressive access control program and mission essential vulnerable area protection, and consistently demonstrates the utmost professionalism and unquestionable commitment."

Four officers were also presented with a Commander's Coin for outstanding performance.

Security Officer Pablo Perez detained an individual wanted for making threats against the commanding general. Officer Perez was also recognized for helping a small child found wandering near an access control point.

Security Officer Theresa Wood was recognized for detaining an individual wanted on several criminal charges when he tried to use forged documents to enter the base.

Also recognized was Officer Roger Gilbert who detained an individual wanted for domestic violence and child abuse.



Certificate presented to Akal Fort Campbell.

After a police chase which ended at a Fort Campbell access control point, the suspect tried to flee. Officer Roy Holley pursued the subject, tackled him and helped police officers secure the subject.

Congratulations to Officers Perez, Wood, Gilbert and Holley, as well as all the officers who serve at Fort Campbell, for your consistent pursuit of excellence.

## Akal protects Kerry, Gore, Cheney in Hawaii

At the request of the office of Hawaii Sen. Daniel K. Inouye and with only one day to make arrangements, Akal was asked to provide dignitary protection for Alexandra Kerry, Sen. John Kerry's daughter, and former Vice President Al Gore during a political rally. Vice President Gore left the same day, while Ms. Kerry stayed an additional two days, during which Akal continued to provide protection.

Akal was also part of a team that provided security for a Republican rally led by Vice President Dick Cheney and attended by Hawaii Gov. Linda Lingle and other dignitaries at the Hawaii Convention Center. Akal was responsible for security at strategic entry and exit points. About 7,000 people attended the rally.

Responsible for Ms. Kerry from Akal were John Martinez, team leader / contract manager and Fred Hyun, executive officer / site coordinator. From Akal responsible for Vice President Gore were Darryl Oku, team leader, Bob Wong, contract manager and Russell Yap, investigator.

Serving at the Republican rally were Mike Gonzalez, site supervisor, and Officers Brian Freitas, Sophia Kaneakua, Sharyn Moniz, Fa'atautau Salanoa, Jay Sobe, Yoland Tabije, and Howard Unebasami.



## NOTEWORTHY NEWS

# Akal Fort Lewis recognized by Governor, Senator

### In November, Akal Managers Jim Kenoyer and Steve Smith, Fort Lewis, Wash.,

were on hand to accept the Best Practices in Workforce Development award from the Pierce County WorkSource Center for outstanding workforce development. Washington Gov. Gary Locke also awarded Akal the Governor's Award for Best Practices in Workforce Development in recognition of Akal Fort Lewis' cooperation with the WorkSource Center in their hiring practices.

"This public-private partnership is a shining example of what can be accomplished when leaders of vision work together to address community needs," wrote Gov. Locke.

Sen. Maria Cantwell also had words of congratulations for Akal Ft. Lewis.

"I appreciate your commitment to strengthening the economy and the lives of future generations," wrote Sen. Cantwell.

## CSOs finish Marine Corp Marathon



CSOs Dan Malay, John Conroy, and William Hohl with U.S. Marshal James Parmley

On October 31, Syracuse-based CSOs Dan Malay, John Conroy and William Hohl ran the 29th Marine Corp Marathon in Arlington, Va., together with thousands of other runners.

Malay finished the 26-mile race in 5 hours; Conroy finished in 5 hours, 35 minutes; and Hohl finished in 5 hours, 45 minutes.

## Akal recognized as "Employer of Excellence" in Central Texas

After only one year of operations at Fort Hood, Akal was chosen by the Central Texas Workforce Commission for the 2004 Employer Award of Excellence in recognition of Akal's service to the communities, employers and workforce of central Texas. The award was presented at the commission's Workforce

Conference, November 17 – 19, in Grapevine, Texas.

Becky Hendricks with Central Texas Workforce, the staffing agency that assisted Akal in hiring the guards responsible for security at Fort Hood, submitted the nomination. She noted Akal's intensive training program for

## In other news from Fort Lewis

With Mt. Rainer majestic in the background, a color guard made up of local firefighters, emergency personnel, military police and Akal officers raised the American flag during a ceremony at Fort Lewis, Wash., to commemorate those who died during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The ceremony also honored the thirty-three soldiers from Fort Lewis who have died in the War on Terrorism.



Retreat Ceremony.



Akal participated in the color guard for the 9/11 memorial ceremony at Fort Lewis.

## City of Scottsdale awards contract to Akal

Effective in early January, Akal will begin providing security for a number of government venues in Scottsdale, Ariz., a large resort and retirement community located just east of Phoenix. The city is known for its art galleries and golf courses.

Akal will provide golf cart, bicycle and vehicle patrols around the clock for the Civic Center Mall, City Hall, Human

Resources Department, South Maintenance Yard, West World including special events, Scottsdale Airport, Water Department, and 25 city parks. A process to identify a contract manager and 24/7 supervisors is underway.

Akal provides a similar security program to the City of Tucson, the City of Phoenix and the City of Peoria.

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