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CLIENT PROFILE

Akal Adds Air Force Contract to Defense Security Division

In October, Akal was awarded a 10-month, \$21 million contract to provide security for 18 U.S. Air Force bases and installations from Florida to Alaska to Guam. More than 500 armed security guards have been providing access control, performing commercial vehicle inspections and manning visitor control centers since the contract went into effect in December.

The 2003 Defense Authorization Act allows the military to contract with private companies for certain types of security work. The goal is to free-up

active duty military personnel for more pressing assignments.

Rick Kibbey, a retired Security Forces officer, was named Air

Force contract manager.

In January 2004, Akal began providing security for eight Army bases in the U.S. According to Akal Division Director Rick Durham, while the Army and the Air Force contracts shared some similarities, the Air Force contract posed unique challenges.

“Both contracts were cold starts (meaning that there were no incumbent work forces in place). But the implementation time frame was much shorter on the Air Force contract. There were also a lot more locations that we needed



In the foreground on the left is Jon Bott, Shift Supervisor for Peterson AFB, training with James Hihelich Peterson, Shift Supervisor for Peterson AFB.



Akal Officer Dekendrick Craft and Officer Pepe Heffinger at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo.

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NOTEWORTHY NEWS

“Thanks” From Mississippi CSOs

On November 26, Akal CEO Sat Nirmal Khalsa received the following letter in response to an Akal donation made to the 14 CSOs based in Gulfport, Miss., an area devastated by Hurricane Katrina:

“We the CSOs of Gulfport, Mississippi, wish to thank the fellow CSOs, Akal employees and other donors for their generous gift. You can be assured that it will be put to good use. It is nice to know in times of need that there are people who care.”

Officer Protects Property, Prevents Loss

Robert Schumaker, senior special agent with Winslow, Ariz.-based BNSF Railway wrote Akal in December to recognize Officer Sean Hennessy for his apprehension of two juveniles found breaking into a boxcar in Glendale, Ariz., near Phoenix.

Officer Hennessey held the juveniles until Glendale Police arrived. The police later found the juveniles were responsible for cutting the seals and entering 37 trailers.

“Because of your attentiveness to BNSF Railway Company property during your patrol activities, you

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ABOVE & BEYOND THE CALL

Outstanding Accomplishments

Ray Coffey, Contracting Officer’s Technical Representative, Ft. Riley, Kan., wrote Akal to recognize two Akal guards:

Guard Kevin Myers identified a man wanted by the Installation Commander when he tried to enter the post, notified his supervisors and then notified the Military Police. The man was apprehended.

Guard Somer Tucker identified a man who was barred from Ft. Riley. The man’s wife, a teacher at Ft. Riley Elementary School, had filed for divorce. The school principal had notified the Provost Marshal Office

that the wife was fearful her husband would come to the school and possibly put the kids at risk. Guard Tucker notified the Military Police when the man tried to enter the post. The Military Police then served the man with a letter denying him access to the installation.

In his letter, Coffey also indicated that in October Akal guards confiscated 38 invalid or altered identification cards and identified three DUIs. In November Akal guards confiscated 52 invalid IDs, identified three DUIs and stopped three individuals attempting to gain unauthorized access.

In October, CSOs Lee Jones and Keith Phillips were manning scanning equipment

in the mailroom of the courthouse in Richmond, Va., when CSO Jones observed a letter bomb. CSOs Jones and Phillips secured the area, notified the proper officials and the bomb was deactivated.

“It turned out this was a sophisticated device with the capability of exploding and seriously injuring, if not killing, people in the courthouse,” wrote Michael Hughes, Contract Manager, Fourth Judicial Circuit.

OTHER AREAS IN THE U.S.

Collector Pays Tribute to Judge’s 20 Years On Bench

U.S. District Judge David Sam, District of Utah, has always been proud of his family’s history. His father, a Romanian immigrant, came to the U.S. before World War I and, when he became a citizen, changed the family name to Sam. Judge Sam grew up believing that the Uncle Sam portrayed in military recruiting posters was his real uncle.

When CSO Fred Tedesco, an avid collector, found out that Judge Sam would be celebrating his twentieth anniversary on the bench, he knew exactly what to do with his vintage Uncle Sam



Judge David Sam (left) was presented with a vintage Uncle Sam poster for his 20 year anniversary on the bench. CSO Fred Tedesco (right) donated the poster.

poster. He gave it to the U.S. Marshals office to have framed and presented to Judge Sam as a gift.

“Judge Sam was very moved and appreciative. This is just a

small example of the excellent rapport between the judges and the CSOs in this district,” wrote Martin Monk, senior inspector, U.S. Marshals Service.

AKAL'S LEADING EDGE

Akal Takes Top Honors at Texas Workforce Conference



L to R: Kimberly Patterson, Business Services Mgr for Central Texas Workforce Center; Gurutej S. Khalsa, Founder Akal Security; Jerry Haisler, Workforce Director for Central Texas Workforce Center; Rick Durham, Division Director for Military Services at Akal Security; Susan Kamas, Executive Director for Central Texas Workforce Center Development Board.

Akal was named the 2005 Texas Workforce Employer of the Year at the ninth annual Texas Workforce Conference in November in Houston. Akal also won an Employer Award of Excellence.

Akal collaborated with the Central Texas Workforce System to meet staffing requirements for its Army contract, which went into effect in October 2003. Akal partnered again with the System during implementation of its Air Force contract in 2005. The Central Texas Workforce System is one of 28 workforce development boards created to meet the needs of Texas employers.

The Employer Award of Excellence honors employers that are actively involved with

their local workforce board and have made a positive impact on employers, workers and the community.

“Congratulations to Akal for its tremendous contribution to the local workforce,” said Texas Workforce Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. “The partnership of Akal and the Central Texas Workforce Development Board exemplifies how employers and local boards can join forces to benefit everyone and strengthen the area’s workforce.”

AKAL'S LEADING EDGE

Akal Recognized In Congressional Record

Congressman Joe Wilson, Second District of South Carolina, recognized the twenty-fifth anniversary of Akal Security on October 26, 2005, during remarks on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Congressman Wilson noted that Akal provides 80 percent of guards for the Department of Justice’s Marshals Service, and works in several Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention centers, airports and military installations, Federal Protective Service operations, and local

government and commercial properties.

“Although the tremendous growth of this company is important, I am also impressed by the unique inspiration of its founders and their continued record of hiring disabled veterans,” said Congressman Wilson.

Wilson noted that Akal received the Large Employer of the Year Award from the Disabled American Veterans in 2004.

“Today, I am pleased to congratulate Akal Security on its remarkable record of accomplishment over the past 25 years,” said Wilson.



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truly took care of our customers and prevented us from having several unhappy customers, not to mention the financial loss we could have incurred,” wrote Schumaker.

Grant Provides Equipment, Scholarships for Chicago Youth

In November, Akal made the pages of the *Chicago Defender*, an African-American newspaper serving the Chicago area. The article, titled “Grant provides tennis equipment, programs for African American youth,” reported that Akal donated \$7,500 to the Chicago Prairie Tennis Club (CPTC) for camp scholarships and equipment for about 30 kids.

“Akal believes in supporting the communities in which it provides services,” said Akal’s James Huckabee, whose suggestion led to the donation. A tennis player himself, he has first hand knowledge of the tennis club’s programs. His 10-year old daughter, Faith, has attended a number CPTC camps.

“The grant will bring in some kids who may not be able to afford to pay for the camp or equipment. It will help provide scholarships for African American kids, including those already in the club,” said CPTC President Ron Mitchell.

Akal Adds Air Force to Security

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Akal Officer Thomas Dwyer, checking ID's at Malmstrom AFB, Montana.

to staff," Durham said.

In a roughly 45-day timeframe, 500 guards were recruited, hired, background checked and fitted for uniforms. In addition to the 500 new guards, start-up coordinators were responsible for hiring and training 18 site supervisors and 72 shift supervisors. Guards underwent one week of law enforcement training through Akal and one week of Air Force training.

"Akal's proven capabilities to expertly guard these bases will help the Air

Force to remain 100% focused on its national security mission," said Daya Khalsa, Akal Sr. VP.

Akal is the second largest provider of security services to the U.S. government.



Akal Officer David Harp at the U.S. Air Force Academy calls in a vehicle description.

COMPASSION IN ACTION

CSOs Play Santa to Needy Children

For Leslie Ann Ocana-Felix, 10, Yazmine Hernandez, 3, and Manuela Sarinana, 1, Santa showed up this year in a big way thanks to the generosity of the CSOs assigned to the Denver, Colo., Court of Appeals.

A longstanding program, each CSO who participates in the local Adopt-A-Family program

donates \$50 that goes toward Christmas gifts for needy children. The CSOs even wrap the gifts and deliver them.

"The giving nature of the CSOs has touched the hearts of many individuals over the years," said John Pearson, Akal Contract Manager.



Akal CSOs give from the heart each year to needy kids in the Denver area. Pictured is CSO Stephen Snyder, Denver Court of Appeals with his two daughters.

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Akal Paves Way For BBC Documentary

In November, the Washington Bureau of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) News was at the U.S. courthouse in lower Manhattan filming a naturalization ceremony

for a documentary. And, according to BBC Producer Sarah Robbins, CSO James Carara was instrumental in making the shoot a success.

"Mr. Carara was extremely

helpful in helping us to understand the process, how the event would unfold and where and how we could film without being intrusive," wrote Robbins.

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