The Tactical Ground Reporting (TIGR) software system sponsored by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) and well embraced by the U.S. Army for its ability to facilitate tactical information collection and dissemination, has now become part of General Dynamics C4 Systems.

The TIGR application provides soldiers and commanders with an effective tool for sharing information about adversaries. The application allows users to access a computer database of maps, text and multimedia files gathered while on patrol and to pass along knowledge about places, events, people and objects for increased combat effectiveness.

On Jan. 8, 2010, General Dynamics acquired TIGR and other assets from Ascend Intelligence, LLC, an Arlington, Va.-based provider of software for military mission planning and execution. As a result, approximately 40 employees who worked for Ascend Intelligence are now part of General Dynamics C4 Systems.

**Produces Effective Tool for Soldiers, Commanders to Share Info on Adversaries**

“Ascend Intelligence has produced a game-changing decision-aid in the prosecution of irregular warfare,” said Chris Marzilli, president of General Dynamics C4 Systems. “TIGR has proven valuable to soldiers on patrol and to their commanders. We are committed to leveraging all the resources necessary to see that TIGR is fully supported and rapidly integrated into the Army’s battle command offering.”

Commenting about the continuation in developing and fielding the TIGR application, Chris added, “The addition of this capability significantly increases the relevance of the General Dynamics command and control portfolio by providing valuable information to the front-line soldier.”

**Ascend Won Recent DARPA Contract for Tactical Ground Reporting Tool**

Ascend was recently awarded $14 million for the initial phase of a four-year, multi-option DARPA contract for the Advanced Tactical Information System
(ATIS), a tactical ground reporting system. This contract will build on the success of TIGR and bring enhanced planning and execution capabilities to the warfighter and commanders.

“We look forward to establishing a long-term relationship with DARPA and to expanding our existing Army relationships to support and sustain the growth of TIGR,” said Manny Mora, vice president and general manager of Battle Management for General Dynamics C4 Systems. “By adding TIGR to our current Army Battle Command portfolio, we are making a strong move in our positioning to fill out the needs of battle command from Corps to the individual soldier.”

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