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Following is a list of top consultants nominated by you — our readers

Consultants play a big role in our industry, which involves complex technology and procurement processes. To better inform the industry about consulting firm options, we asked you, our readers, for input on the top mission-critical communications consultants, and we had an overwhelming response. See if your consultant made the list and learn details about other top-notch consulting firms in the industry.



5 Star Team
<http://5starteam.net>

Overview: Located in Anchorage, Alaska, 5 Star Team was founded in 2003 and employs about 10 people. The firm's mission is to promote first responder interoperability by providing innovative and effective communications planning, training and exercise services — plan to talk.

Key Principals: Julie Stinson and Joe Quickel

Pivotal Projects: The firm conducted interoperable communications planning in Washington state for the 2010 Winter Olympics. 5 Star Team also performed Alaska statewide interoperable communications training and the Alaska statewide assessment of available responder

equipment and interoperability.

Competitive Edge: 5 Star Team prides itself in the Comms360 planning process, CommPlanner software, strategic interoperable training and exercise plans, communications playbooks and the lunch box exercise series.



Adcomm Engineering
www.adcommeng.com

Overview: Founded in 1979, Adcomm Engineering is located in Bothell, Wash., and employs nine people. Adcomm's mission is to assist clients in bridging the gap between operations and technology by being grounded in both disciplines and providing cost-effective services — with empathy, understanding and skill.

Key Principal: Joe Blaschka Jr., P.E.

Pivotal Projects: The company managed a Project 25 (P25) \$11 million trunked system upgrade for Benton County (Wash.) Emergency Services to replace an existing 800 MHz trunked system. It also performed a 450 MHz simulcast and narrowband conversion in Yamhill County, Ore., and a Portland, Ore., regional radio system replacement project.

Competitive Edge: Adcomm's staff has both operations experience and engineering capability. The technical staff has hands-on experience and/or training working with most of the equipment used by public safety and utilities.

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Andrew Seybold
<http://andrewseybold.com>

Overview: From its Santa Barbara, Calif., location, the firm employs six people and was founded in 1991. Andrew Seybold aims to empower people and organizations with clarity and actionable knowledge about complex technology issues and business trends so they can be more successful in the world of connected wireless mobility.

Key Principals: Andrew M. Seybold, Robert Chapin, Barney Dewey, Robert Hirsh and Robert O'Hara

Pivotal Projects: Andrew Seybold conducts ongoing pro-bono consulting for the public-safety broadband network. The firm also consults on push to talk (PTT) over 3G and 4G commercial networks and the interconnection of commercial networks to LMR systems and evaluates cognitive radio systems and their role in the future.

Competitive Edge: The company has a worldwide client base, as well as one foot planted firmly in the commercial side of the business and one in the public-safety/LMR side, ideal for companies wanting to transition to commercial services.



**SMITH BROWNLEE
& ASSOCIATES INC.**

Smith Brownlee & Associates

<http://smithbrownlee.com>

Overview: Founded in 2002 in Courtenay, British Columbia, Smith Brownlee has 12 employees. The Canadian company provides its clients with outstanding service through open communication and consistently reliable results. Staff empower clients by working with them to achieve their goals through industry best practices.

Key Principals: Melanie Smith, Cassandra Boone, Dave Mitchell and Ian MacDonald

Pivotal Projects: The firm helped the city of Lethbridge, Alberta, with a CAD upgrade and facility move. Southwest British Columbia (E-Comm) Fire chose Smith Brownlee for a CAD/records management system (RMS) project. Vancouver (British Columbia) Fire Rescue Services contracted the firm for RMS orientation.

Competitive Edge: Smith Brownlee is independent and not affiliated with product manufacturers. Associates have years of experience that include various technologies, as well as operations, offering a wide range of expertise in public safety. The company specializes in technology definition, procurement, implementation, support and all post-go-live activities.

TELEVATE

Telebate

www.televate.com

Overview: The philosophy of Telebate, located in Falls Church, Va., is to provide the most innovative, cost-effective, sustainable communications solutions available for public safety and critical infrastructure industries. Since 2001, the firm,

which has 25 employees, has offered expertise in voice and data interoperability, LMR system design and operations, wireless broadband networks, IP networks and applications, and information technology solutions.

Key Principals: A. Richard Burke, Joseph Ross, Solomon Tadesse and Guy Jouannelle

Pivotal Projects: Televate provided an implementation strategy for the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) for a potential statewide public-safety broadband network. 800 MHz rebanding in Orange County, Fla., as well as Project 25 (P25) network upgrade services and Long Term Evolution (LTE) consulting for the District of Columbia are other projects.

Competitive Edge: Televate's intricate technical knowledge of wireless broadband and LMR systems and functionality, together with how these networks support mission-critical communications, ensures that the firm understands the crucial foundations required to implement a system serving as the backbone of daily and emergency incident response operations.



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Tusa Consulting Services (TCS) II

www.tusaconsulting.com

Overview: Based in Covington, La., TCS was founded in 1992 and has 13 employees. The company is committed to providing unsurpassed professional guidance and technical support in the design and implementation of highly reliable radio communications and dispatch facilities used by municipal, county, state and federal public-safety agencies.

Key Principals: Dominic Tusa, Gilbert Stock and Carl A. Cutts

Pivotal Projects: The company assisted Kansas City, Mo., and Floyd County, Ga., with Project 25 (P25) digital radio networks. TCS also con-

sulted Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) in the Kansas City area with a regional digital OC-3 microwave network.

Competitive Edge: TCS' heritage is in hardened petrochemical radio and microwave networks within the hostile offshore Gulf of Mexico environment. The firm adopted those proven techniques and successfully applied them to public-safety radio networks. Many TCS clients have remained clients for 10 or more years, only possible when a firm provides value and is an integral, trusted partner.



V-COMM

www.vcomm-eng.com

Overview: V-COMM's 30 employees help the firm provide high-quality engineering services. Founded in 1995, the company, with offices in Cranbury, N.J., and Blue Bell, Pa., brings value to clients, employees and investors through leading-edge, cost-effective and innovative engineering solutions.

Key Principals: Dominic C. Villecco, David K. Stern, Donald S. Coover and Steve Falcone

Pivotal Projects: The firm helped design a multi-user interoperable broadband communications system for the city of New York. Camden County, N.J., contracted V-COMM for a strategic plan for a 500/700 MHz trunking system. The company helped Delaware River Port Authority implement 800 MHz public-safety service in subway tunnels linking South Jersey to Philadelphia.

Competitive Edge: V-COMM offers a unique blend of experience in the commercial and governmental sectors, providing insight into the latest technologies available in the industry, regardless of which sector they appear in first. The company has in-house expertise in RF and network engineering. ■



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NETWORKS NEED EXPERTS!

V-COMM has a unique blend of experience in both the commercial and governmental sectors of the telecommunications industry. V-COMM has insight into the latest technologies available in the industry, regardless of which sector they appear in first. No other firm has this exclusive combination of extensive experience.

V-COMM is uniquely positioned to perform these services more so than any other telecommunications engineering firm because of the combined expertise of both its RF Engineering and Network Engineering teams. V-COMM is the only firm with extensive in-house expertise in both disciplines...the V-COMM advantage.



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