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JTRS Compliance awarded to AN/PRC-148B (MBITR2) Radio

SAN DIEGO - The Joint Tactical Networking Center (JTNC) announced today that the Thales AN/PRC-148B (MBITR2) Radio operating Soldier Radio Waveform (SRW) software version 1.01.1C has received Joint Tactical Radio System (JTRS) Compliance.

The JTNC Technical Assessments for Compliance and Certification (TACC) is part of an evolving process to ensure end-to-end joint service interoperability and security. The TACC is comprised of JTNC Technical Assessments for Compliance (TAComp) and JTNC Technical Assessments for Certification (TACert).

As a JTRS Compliant product, the AN/PRC-148B (MBITR2) radio has successfully completed the JTNC TAComp, which serves as preliminary characterization of the system's compatibility with the Department of Defense (DoD) network objectives. The completion of the JTNC TAComp process helps prepare Program of Record (POR) and Non-Developmental Item (NDI) Software Defined Radios (SDRs) for participation in Service-level test events (e.g., Network Integration Evaluations or similar Joint or Service sponsored test events) executing the JTRS Waveforms.

The JTNC TACert serves as comprehensive characterization of the system's capability with the DoD network objectives, and the completion of the JTNC TACert process indicates POR and NDI SDRs' readiness to operate in a DoD or Service's network architecture. SDRs awarded JTRS Compliance are expected to enter the JTNC TACert process within two years of receiving the JTRS Compliance award.

"The TACC process supports the NDI acquisition strategies of the DoD and the Services in building tactical networks that are interoperable and secure using radios running JTRS waveforms", said Mark Compton, JTNC's director. "It is open to vendors porting JTRS waveforms onto their products, directly supporting the Department's Better Buying Power focus on promoting effective competition and incentivizing innovation."

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ABOUT THE JTNC

As part of the Department of Defense, and under executive management of the Army's Program Executive Office, Command, Control, Communications-Tactical (PEO C3T), the JTNC ensures interoperable, secure and affordable waveform and wireless communications in support of Service, Multi-Service and Coalition forces. Headquartered in San Diego, Calif., the JTNC executes its mission by recommending standards, conducting compliance and certification assessments in accordance with DoD policies, and maintaining a DoD Waveform Information Repository (IR). For more information, visit www.jtnc.mil.