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Willdan Awarded \$1.4 Million Contract for the California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee Southern Planning Area

Company to Provide Interoperable Communications Professional Services

ANAHEIM, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **Willdan Group, Inc. ("Willdan") (NASDAQ: WLDN)** today announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Willdan Homeland Solutions ("WHS"), was awarded a \$1.4 million subcontract as the technical lead, with GTSI Corp. ("GTSI") as the prime contractor, for providing public safety interoperable communications services to the 11 California counties that comprise the California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee ("CALSIEC") Southern Planning Area ("SPA"). Work will commence in the 3rd quarter of 2010 and will be completed by February 2011.

Vic Thies, President and Chief Executive Officer of WHS stated, *"This project is one of the largest communications interoperability planning projects being undertaken in the United States. The project will improve the ability of first responders to communicate across an 11-county area that is larger than New York State, has a population over 22 million, and is serviced by more than 500 public safety agencies using a variety of disparate communications systems."*

As technical lead on the project, WHS will provide planning and training services for developing the SPA's five-year Communications Interoperability Strategic Plan, including a multi-year training plan, curriculum design, and NIMS/ICS-compliant standardized user courses for field and communications/dispatch centers. WHS's communications professionals will support each of the 11 counties in improving the SPA's interoperable communications through compliance with the California Statewide Communication Interoperable Plan and the National Emergency Communication Plan.

"An effective strategic plan is critical to successful program implementation," further states Vic Thies. *"We look forward to leveraging our expertise in support of the Southern Planning Area's interoperability project and to expanding the footprint of Willdan's communications and technology services."*

About Willdan Homeland Solutions

WHS provides homeland security, public safety, and emergency response services that focus on integrating local resources and assets within state and federal systems. With extensive hands-on experience in local, state, and federal law enforcement, as well as fire and related public-safety organizations, its outstanding professionals have served as incident commanders, emergency managers, first responders, and investigators. WHS serves a wide variety of clients nationwide ranging from municipalities, counties, and state and federal agencies to the private sector and non-profit organizations. Its clients include utilities, water companies, school districts, port authorities, police and fire departments, as well as transit agencies.

About Willdan Group, Inc.

Founded over 40 years ago, Willdan is a provider of outsourced services to public and private agencies and utilities located primarily in California and New York. Willdan assists cities, public utilities and other government agencies and, to a lesser extent, private industry with a broad range of services, including civil engineering, building and safety services, geotechnical engineering, energy efficiency, water conservation, renewable resource strategy, financial and economic consulting, and disaster preparedness and homeland security. For additional information, visit Willdan's website at www.willdan.com.

About GTSI Corp.

GTSI Corp. provides a Technology Lifecycle Management ("TLM") approach to IT infrastructure solutions delivered through industry-leading professional and financial services. GTSI employs a proactive, strategic methodology that streamlines technology lifecycle management, from initial assessment to acquisition, implementation, refresh, and disposal. TLM allows customers to implement solutions quickly and cost-effectively. GTSI's certified engineers and project managers leverage strategic partnerships with technology innovators. These experts use proven, repeatable processes to design, deploy, manage, and support simple to complex solutions, to meet client's current and future requirements and business objectives. GTSI is headquartered in Northern Virginia, outside of Washington, D.C. and was named as one of "Best Places to Work" in 2009. Further information about the company is available at www.GTSI.com.

About the CALSIEC Southern Planning Area

The Southern Planning Area serves as an extension of the California Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee which is tasked with managing the state and federally designated interoperability spectrum, developing governance and plans on behalf of all California public safety first responders.

Forward-Looking Statements

Safe Harbor Statement: Statements in this press release which are not purely historical, including statements regarding Willdan's intentions, hopes, beliefs, expectations, representations, projections, estimates, plans or predictions of the future are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties including, but not limited to, the risk that Willdan will not be able to expand its services or meet the needs of customers in markets in which it operates. It is important to note that Willdan's actual results could differ materially from those in any such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to, a slowdown in the local and regional economies of the states where Willdan conducts business and the loss of or inability to hire additional qualified professionals. Willdan's business could be affected by a number of other factors, including the risk factors listed from time to time in Willdan's SEC reports including, but not limited to, the Form 10-K annual report for the year ended January 1, 2010 filed on March 30, 2010. Willdan cautions investors not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements contained in this press release. Willdan disclaims any obligation to, and does not undertake to, update or revise any forward-looking statements in this press release.

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