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**TIAX Awarded Contract to Continue Development of Life-Saving
Critical Care Tourniquet**

Phase II contract from Department of Defense will result in a production-ready one-handed tourniquet

January 18, 2005 (Cambridge, MA) – TIAX, a leading collaborative product and technology development firm, today announced that it has been awarded a Phase II contract by the Department of Defense (DOD) to continue the development of an advanced critical care tourniquet for DOD. This contract is the continuation of work TIAX began in 2003 when the company was awarded a Phase I contract to begin development of the tourniquet. Both contracts were awarded to TIAX through the Department of Defense’s Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) program.

As part of its Phase I contract, TIAX designed a prototype of the tourniquet with enhanced functionality to better address bleeding from an arm or leg injury, one of the top causes of preventable combat fatalities suffered by soldiers. According to a report entitled "Tactical Medical Training for Commanders," 60 percent of preventable battlefield deaths are attributable to bleeding from a wound in the extremities.

The Phase II contract will involve extensive testing, end-user reviews and further design enhancements of the device. The result will be a production-ready tourniquet that incorporates a number of advanced features, including one-hand application, prevention of inadvertent release, and finite pressure control.

“Since members of the Special Operations Forces may not have immediate access to comprehensive medical support, they require advanced tools that can be employed quickly on the battlefield to effectively increase their chances of survival,” said Kenan Sahin, TIAX President. “We are honored to receive this Phase II contract from DOD to continue our work on this life-saving medical device.”

Since 2002, TIAX has been awarded numerous Phase II contracts through the SBIR program. Established in 1982, the SBIR program funds early stage research and development at small technology companies in an effort to stimulate technological innovation, generate opportunities for small businesses to meet federal research and development needs, increase employment, foster and encourage participation in technological innovation by socially and economically disadvantaged persons, and support private-sector commercialization of technology derived from federal research and development.



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About TIAX LLC

TIAX LLC (pronounced Ty-ax) is a leading collaborative product and technology development firm that accelerates innovation to help its clients create an impact in the market—and in people’s lives. It integrates business, industry, and hands-on technology expertise to transform ideas into products and problems into solutions. Formed out of Arthur D. Little’s Technology & Innovation business, TIAX (www.TIAXLLC.com) builds on more than a century of breakthrough innovation and client success using collaborative R&D. TIAX was selected as a Technology Pioneer 2003 by the World Economic Forum and is ISO 9001 certified with more than 50 research and development laboratories.

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