

PRESS RELEASE

LOCAL COMPANY TO BENEFIT FROM SUPERCOMPUTER CONTRACT

(August 15th, 2006) - Valencia based WorkSafe Technologies has been selected to provide its patented ISO-Base™ Seismic Isolation Technology to protect the world's fastest supercomputer. Cray Inc. and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science announced last week that Cray has won the contract for the next-generation supercomputer at the DOE's National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center (NERSC). The contract, valued at over \$52 million, includes installation of WorkSafe's ISO-Base™ seismic isolation technology in order to protect the Cray XT4 massively parallel processor supercomputer, code-named "Franklin", from seismic shock and vibration.

The Cray contract also provides options for future upgrades that would quadruple the size of the system and eventually boost performance to one petaflop (1,000 trillion floating point operations per second) and beyond. Cray will begin shipping the new supercomputer to the NERSC facility at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory later this year. WorkSafe will have its seismic platforms installed in early fall.

As part of a competitive procurement process, NERSC evaluated systems from a number of vendors using the NERSC Sustained System Performance (SSP) metric. The vendor's had to ensure their system would be compatible with WorkSafe's ISO-Base™. "It was exciting to work with all the vendors. The Cray system had some very challenging requirements that we were able to accommodate with our system, thanks to the hard work of both [the Cray and WorkSafe] design teams." stated Don Hubbard, President of WorkSafe Technologies. "This contract is very significant for us as it represents acceptance of our isolation technology by the scientific community to protect the world's most advanced computing systems."

ISO-Base Seismic Isolation Technology already has an established presence in the United States and Canada, with commercial users such as Boeing and Verizon Wireless, it has also become the de facto standard in Japan, "Since we introduced the technology [to Japan] in 2001, they've experienced 35 earthquakes of magnitude 5.0 or greater without a single incident. Two of them, Niigata Chuetsu, and Fukuoka exceeded 7.0."

WorkSafe Technologies is based in Valencia, CA and is the leader in non-structural seismic mitigation, serving well over 1200 clients worldwide. There are five additional offices in North America, including San Jose, Seattle, Portland, St. Louis, and Vancouver, B.C. The company exports to fifteen countries, including the seismic hotspots of Japan, Taiwan, Turkey and New Zealand.

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