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Low-cost central dispatch monitoring of vehicles in remote regions with diverse radio system protocols is now possible with TRAKIT RF/IP

Fargo, ND, November 20, 2001- IDA Corporation has introduced the TRAKIT RF/IP system for centralized remote vehicle tracking. The system uses IP (Internet Protocol) connectivity to enable dispatchers to seamlessly monitor and direct vehicle activity in remote radio range areas, with radios from various manufacturers, using different frequencies or radio protocols.

Cost and complexity of wide-area AVL (Automatic Vehicle Location) management is minimized because existing radio infrastructures are utilized. The TRAKIT RF/IP system transparently accommodates GPS (Global Positioning Systems) location data from diverse sources and homogenizes it for processing by the TRAKIT vehicle tracking and activity reporting software modules.

No computer or human attendant is required at the remote site. The TRAKIT vehicle unit transmits locations to a local base station that may consist of only three components; a radio, a TRAKIT base device and the TRAKIT internet interface device. The location data is automatically relayed via DSL, T1 or other permanent web connection to IDA's GLOBAL TRAKIT DATA CENTER. User access to information including map displays and reports is accomplished by web communication to the data center with a common internet browser or TRAKIT web-client software installed on a user's computer.

"This is truly a breakthrough event for municipalities wanting to economically create a master vehicle tracking network" states John Kruse, President of IDA Corporation. "Dispatch resources can be consolidated for efficiency and cost savings. The system also answers to the need of coordinated, inter-agency disaster response plans."

IDA Corporation designs and manufactures electronic equipment for the land mobile communications industry. IDA's customers include 4000 two-way radio dealers and Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR) operators as well as large industry original equipment manufacturers.

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