

**Press Release: The Whetstone Group, and L-3 Com, Enterprise IT Solutions Division headquartered in Reston, VA announce a strategic alliance.**

Whetstone specializes in optimizing Human Capital and Workforce Planning at the organization and community level ensuring that today's businesses utilize their human resources more effectively and that there is open access to a pipeline of skilled workforce ready to meet the community's industry demands for tomorrow's strategic objectives.

From the organizational and community workforce planning perspective this strategic alliance with L-3 Com (the 6<sup>th</sup> largest defense contractor and technology provider in the country), will allow our clients access to the best and most cost efficient, cutting edge technology and seat management IT solutions and support services available on the market today. More importantly, thru this relationship our clients will be poised to meet the technological challenges of tomorrow's workforce." Melissa Bumpers, Principal, The Whetstone Group.

"We believe the depth of business and operational subject matter expertise offered thru Whetstone Consulting Group will greatly enhance our products in the market place." Les Rose, President L-3 EITS Division.

L-3 Communication's Enterprise IT Solutions (L-3 EITS), the Information Technology Center of Excellence within L-3, provides the Department of Defense, federal civilian government agencies and state and local governments with a broad range of IT services and solutions. EITS specializes in IT infrastructure management and operations support, systems integration and development, business assurance and independent verification and validation (IV&V).

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