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## **GloboLogix to Enhance Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway's Transportation Systems**

*Houston-based automation company to upgrade waterway hardware and controls*

**Houston** (June 21, 2010) – GloboLogix, Inc., a Houston-based automation and data services company, has been awarded a contract from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to improve the control and automation hardware of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway's locks and dams and Hydromet systems, which are part of the river system that extends 233 miles from Demopolis, Alabama to the Tennessee River.

The \$1.2 million contract, which is funded in total by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will include upgrading the Waterway's existing SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system to utilize state-of-the-art hardware and software development tools. The upgraded system will boost operational performance and system connectivity, improving the transportation efficiency of the waterway.

The Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway ships, on average, as much as 1.2 billion ton-miles of commerce each year at an annual savings of nearly \$100 million in transportation costs. A system of 10 locks and dams make the river navigable despite changes in elevation, but are aging and becoming outmoded. The average age of the locks now exceeds 20 years.

"Water transportation is the most efficient, cost effective and environmentally safe means of shipping large volumes of heavy products long distances," said Public Affairs officer E. Patrick Robbins of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "The Waterway is an important part of the area's economic development, and we're committed to upgrading the transportation system."

The project will significantly improve the connectivity and integration of the Waterway's locks and dams. As part of the upgrades to the system's SCADA components, the project will incorporate satellite communications, control room hardware and site instrumentation.

"The Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway is a critical component of trade and transportation within the Sunbelt states, and its efficiency is vital to the area's continued industrial development," said Jim Ferrero, vice president at GloboLogix. "We are honored to be selected by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for this project, and are confident that our work will boost the Waterway's transportation efficiency and capacity."

### **About GlobaLogix**

GlobaLogix, a Houston-based oilfield automation company, provides upstream oil and gas producers with a complete spectrum of services - from the wellhead to the Web site. Starting with data collection at the wellhead, GlobaLogix creates custom solutions that cover all key points of the data path including local control panels, communications systems, control room and SCADA equipment and back office technologies to deliver information where and when it's needed. By turning operational field data into actionable information, GlobaLogix ensures a usable and secure system, resulting in greater control and profitability for users in the field, office and anywhere in between. For more information, please visit [www.globlx.com](http://www.globlx.com)

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