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Earl Industries LLC and EchoStorm Inc. Form Joint Venture

Suffolk, Va. – Earl Industries LLC, an engineering and ship repair company based in Portsmouth, Va., and EchoStorm Inc., a technology innovator headquartered in Suffolk, Va., today announced they have formed a joint venture called **EchoStorm Worldwide LLC**.

The joint venture will be a subsidiary of Earl Technology Group and be located at EchoStorm's current headquarters. The joint venture will employ the existing staff of 65 at EchoStorm, which is planned to grow in the near future.

"The joint venture will add a great deal of value to Earl Industries' diversification into media content delivery technologies," said Jerrold Miller, president of Earl Industries LLC. "EchoStorm's talented staff and suite of ground-breaking products and services are an excellent complement to our reputation as a leader in the ship repair industry. Earl Industries' use of state-of-the-art technologies and procedures in its engineering and manufacturing services has led it to be one of the nation's largest contractors for the U.S. Navy."

As part of Earl Technology Group, EchoStorm Worldwide LLC will broaden the contacts of Earl Industries LLC within the U.S. Department of Defense and help it to expand into other growing markets.

EchoStorm Inc. currently works with the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, and commercial customers in providing rapid easy-to-use access, analysis, storage, collaboration, and dissemination of video and data in a near real time, secure environment between multiple sources. For example, a branch of the military currently uses EchoStorm's technology and expertise to process high-quality, near real time video and other secure data collected by Unmanned Aerial

Vehicles for soldiers on the ground in combat theaters around the world.

The joint venture will vastly expand the ability of EchoStorm Inc. to offer its powerful products and services to customers in national and international markets.

"We are extremely excited about the joint venture," said Jason Barton, Co-Founder of EchoStorm Inc. "The support of Earl Industries gives us a great boost – a boost we need to help us grow in the highly-competitive industry of secure, media content delivery."

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Barton added that EchoStorm Worldwide LLC will be adapting its current media management solutions to meet the needs of many new customers. "A lot of people don't even know that our innovative technology exists," Barton said. "We're looking forward to the challenge."

About Earl Industries LLC

Earl Industries LLC is a leading engineering and ship repair company based in Portsmouth, Va. Its services include engineering, mechanical, electrical, chemical, and manufacturing capabilities. It was founded in 1984, and it currently has 900 employees at its facilities in Portsmouth, Va., and Mayport, Fla. Its facilities include a 60-acre, state-of-the-art shipyard on the Elizabeth River in Portsmouth. Since 2003, Earl Industries has been diversifying its engineering and manufacturing capabilities. For more information about Earl Industries, visit www.earl-ind.com.

About EchoStorm Worldwide LLC

EchoStorm Worldwide LLC is a global leader in innovative video and sensor management solutions for military, government, and commercial applications. Operating as a subsidiary of Earl Industries LLC, EchoStorm Worldwide LLC is headquartered in Suffolk, Va., and has 65 employees. Through the EchoStorm Worldwide LLC suite of secure, net-centric solutions – **adLib™**, the proven, easy-to-use, adaptable, input-agnostic centerpiece of a suite of secure, net-centric solutions; **Convene™**, a dynamic chalkboard-style collaboration tool; and **FunnelCloud™**, a rugged, nomadic, rapid-response platform – users can capture, integrate, and disseminate video, images, voice, and data in near real-time, regardless of location, bandwidth, or device. For more information about EchoStorm Worldwide LLC, visit www.echostorm.net.

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