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Synapttek Scores Another Prime Contract Win



U.S.NRC

Synapttek hits the "Trifecta" to start off 2017 with a third win hot on the heels of two prime contract wins closing out 2016 (Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) J6 Enterprise Technology Services (JETS) and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAALink)). On January 31st, Synapttek was notified that we were one of the two small businesses awarded a prime contract supporting the "United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)". A total of six prime vendors were awarded. The NRC has an annual budget of about \$1 billion and employs about 4,000 people located in five primary locations in the United States. This ten-year contract valued over \$679M provides a wide variety of IT support services to the NRC Headquarters located in Rockville, MD; four Regional Offices located in King of Prussia, PA; Atlanta, GA; Lisle, IL; and Arlington TX as well as the NRC Technical Training Center located in Chattanooga, TN. The contract known as the "Global Infrastructure and Development Acquisition (GLINDA)" program provides an innovative approach to NRC's enterprise-wide strategic Information Technology (IT) planning and management. Through this flexible Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) - Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) approach, Synapttek is able to support all program areas and location sites of the NRC with five core IT services

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FBI

Systems Architect (Quantico)
Sr Systems Architect (Quantico)
System Engineer (Quantico)

DOI New Orleans

Java Engineer
Software Engineer
JAVA/Geospatial Engineer

Naval Observatory DC

Application Programmer

Navy Driftwood, Mississippi

RedHat Admin (Stennis)
Application Systems Programmer - Senior, Intermediate
Software Systems Engineer

ETM

Enterprise Management System, Sr Engineer
Network Administrator

Project Manager

location sites of the NRC with live core IT services including:

- Seat Services
- Network Services
- Data Center/Cloud Services
- Operational Security Services
- Application Operations, Maintenance, and Modernization Services

To increase our "Probability of Win" (P-Win) on bidding this effort, Synaptek senior leadership made a strategic decision to establish a "Contractor Teaming Arrangement (CTA)" with one of our industry partner's, "Edgewater Federal Solutions". Synaptek and Edgewater along with our other teammates AECOM, AVIT Systems, Inc., Microsoft, Solution Technology Systems Inc. (STSI), and Unisys submitted a strong proposal which was highly scored. In addition to the normal technical, management, and pricing volumes of proposals, our team was also evaluated in a third volume dedicated entirely to providing innovative ideas and concepts related to the five core IT service areas. Through the GLINDA program, the Synaptek Team will work with the NRC in leveraging technology advancements, including cloud computing, mobile devices, Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI), and big data, to meet the expectations of their workforce by providing information devices and services that are highly interactive and promote information sharing, collaboration, and innovation. The GLINDA prime contract win along with DLA JETS and NOAALink builds upon Synaptek's strong existing foundation of IT expertise and provides growth opportunities for Synaptek employees across a wide range of IT disciplines. With these wins along with anticipated win prospects still under evaluation, 2017 and beyond look very strong for Synaptek.

Although many of you may not be directly involved with proposal development, the work you do and the professionalism you demonstrate day-to-day with your customers forms the backbone of our proposals and your demonstrated success in delivery makes these "wins" happen - thank you and congratulations to all!

Ray Caruso, Vice President

Synaptek Flash Briefing on Alexa

We are excited to share our newest and coolest

method of employee communication. Employees can

Project Manager
Network Engineer
Infrastructure/Cable Technician
Wireless Engineer
Information Insurance Engineer

NDU

Help Desk Analyst

PFFPA

Windows Systems Admin
Principal Systems Engineer
Help Desk Analyst
Program Analyst/Process Analyst

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careers@synaptekcorp.com
or visit [Synaptek Careers](#).

Welcome to our New Hires

Bobby Elmore, SolarWinds Engineer, FTC
Kathy Wehrer, Business Analyst, HQ



Employee Anniversaries

Chris Hartley, Systems Security Analyst, NDU, 6 years

Tina Wan, Director of Finance, HQ, 5 years

Toni Fisher, Director of Business Admin, 2 years

Fred Taylor, Program Manager, ETM, 2 years

McKenzie Browne, Help Desk Specialist II, NDU, 1 year

Martin Ensinger, Help Desk Analyst, NDU, 1 year

Kaitlyn Jenkins, FSO/Quality Administrator, 1 year



Kudos to **Dustin Kramer** (DLA) for a successful WNSS CPAR quarterly review! Synaptek was

method of employee communication. Employees can now listen to the Synaptেক flash briefing on the Echo Dot. We will be using this feature for special announcements, events and news.



Follow the instructions below to set up Synaptেক Flash Briefing



1. Open the Alexa App
2. Select > Home
3. Select > Settings
4. Select > Flash Briefing
5. Select > Get more Flash Briefing Content
6. In the Search Window enter > Synaptেক News
7. Select > Enable
8. Ask Alexa for your Flash Briefing

Synaptেক New Orleans

Our New Orleans Team kicked off 2017 with a night out at Smoothie King Stadium to watch the Pelicans vs. the NY Nets. It was a loss for the Pelicans but that didn't stop the fun!

Here are some pics of the Team in action!

rated exception across the board! This is the highest rating you can get.

A big thanks to **Don James** (HQ) from the Recruiting Team for leading the effort in creating the new Open Billets Spreadsheet.

If you have someone you would like to thank email your message to news@synaptেকcorp.com



President's Day Holiday Monday, February 20

W-2 and 1099 Information

W-2's and 1099's have been mailed to the employee address on file in Paycom. W-2's are available to be downloaded from Paycom.

Employee Handbook

A current copy of the [employee handbook](#) is always available on the employee portal of our corporate website.



February is Heart-Healthy Month. Our hearts certainly deserve special attention. However, the number of Americans suffering from heart disease is hardly worth celebrating.

A recent report published by the American Heart Association projects that the number of people diagnosed with heart failure is increasing and projected to rise by 46 percent by 2030, resulting in more than 8 million people with heart failure. Kind of makes your heart sink, doesn't it? Proper care and maintenance of your heart are vital to prevent high blood pressure and possible heart disease later in life. Our hearts are the engines of our bodies; it's time you treat your body's engine the same. The good news is,



we can improve our heart health by making different lifestyle choices and setting new goals to be more heart healthy.

Here are four goals for Heart-Healthy Month:

1. Learn CPR.

The ability to perform CPR, or cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, is as important to know as a safety measure as it is empowering. If you have a family with small children, learning CPR is a worthy and potentially life-saving goal.

"Choking is a leading cause of death in children younger than 5, so knowing what to do and how to perform CPR allows you to act quickly to save the life of someone you love. Every state offer CPR classes. Find one in your community at redcross.org.

2. Get your cholesterol tested.

Testing the HDL (good) and LDL (bad) cholesterol levels can determine if your blood vessels are staying clear of plaque buildup or growing blockages. A high LDL count may mean a lack of clean blood flow, which can lead to vessel ruptures, heart attack or stroke. Most people aren't aware that women face a higher risk of stroke than men. Stroke is the fourth leading cause of death in the United States. Evaluation cholesterol levels is quick and easy. You may need to fast before your appointment, but then all that's required is a quick blood test performed by your doctor.

3. Try a new exercise.

For some of us, our exercise routine is as reliable as the sun rising. But sometimes that routine can get a little stale. In honor of Heart-Healthy Month, why not jazz up your exercise routine with some new moves?

The best way to ensure daily exercise is to pick activities that you enjoy and will provide great results without causing pain or discomfort.

4. Add heart-healthy foods to your diet.

Proper eating reduces the amount of cholesterol in your blood stream. Make sure half of your plate consists of fiber-rich fruits and vegetables. Foods like sweet potatoes, apples and blueberries are tasty additions. Also, try adding a lean protein like fish to your meals twice per week.

Follow your heart to a healthier you. February is the perfect month to take to heart life-changing habits that will improve your health and the lives of those you love.



**Tina Wan, Director of Finance,
celebrates 5 years with Synapttek!**



What's your favorite aspect of Synapttek? Working with lots of passionate co-workers, flexible work schedule, opportunities to growth as an individual and employee. Great leadership team and I learn a lot from the team.

Hobbies outside of work? Hanging out with my 2.5 year old son, trying to learn how to golf, and travel with family to new places to experience different aspects of different cultures.

Family life: I have a husband and a son. We're a Family of Three.

Favorite place to travel: Europe



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