



THOUGHTS

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Introducing AESY LLC



A few newsletters ago, I wrote about partnership and what it means in our industry. At the time, I talked a little about being selected as the protégé company for AECOM/URS Federal. AECOM is a large, multi-national corporation with over 87,000 employees. As part of SBA rules, AECOM can only have one small business protégé in the information technology market space. I am pleased to report that the Mentor-Protégé Agreement has been formally reviewed and accepted by the U.S. Small Business Administration. As our Mentor, AECOM will support us in a broad number of business areas as we grow.

Which brings me to AESY LLC. One of the special advantages of an SBA Mentor-Protégé relationship is the ability to establish a small business controlled, but jointly owned company, that can pursue contracts as a small business. AESY LLC is just that - the name is pronounced with the long "A" and "Z" sound or as Kam likes to say - "Like 'easy' with an 'A'". It stems from the names of the two companies AE - from AECOM and SY from Synapttek. It is reflective of how we view this new company - AE represents the strength and depth we get from our partner - SY represents the agility and customer focus for which Synapttek is known.

In technical terms - AESY LLC will be an unpopulated joint venture, so the employees supporting AESY contracts will be either AECOM or Synapttek employees. The company provides a strategic advantage for past performance when bidding large single award contracts. It is another tool in our toolbox as we continue to grow the company and provide new and exciting opportunities for

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**Sr. Cisco Network Engineer (Quantico)
System Administrator (Chantilly)**

DOI New Orleans

**Java Software Engineer
Sr. Java Software Engineer
Sr. Java/Geospatial Software 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
Senior Network Engineer
Infrastructure/Cable Technician**

our staff members to support. You may hear the name bandied about as we look for new contracts and exciting opportunities. No impact to current contracts or employees - just wanted you to be in the "know".

Synaptex Successfully Delivers for NOAA



Synaptex was engaged by Cisco Systems, NOAA GFDL and Engility Inc. to deploy a state of the art Identity Management System platform bent on securing NOAA's Enterprise network systems. NOAA Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (GFDL) was looking to create uniform secure access control for their enterprise NOAA clients as well as guests who visit NOAA. Synaptex has successfully deployed Cisco's Identity Services Engine (ISE) platform tied to certificate based 802.1x authenticate; the gold standard for securing networks. The solution now authenticates guest as well as trusted networks via ISE for Windows, Mac, Linux, and iOS mobile devices. The system intelligently recognizes as a "trusted device" network users then redirects to a remediation segment, based on policies and their credentials, allowing client access, based on their device type or authentication, with permission only to that which they are entitled. The new NOAA Secure Identity Access management solution can profile clients, posture assess their state, implement remedial, permit, limit or deny network access as necessary.

The Identity Services Engine (ISE) platform provides a solution for both wired and wireless users for a wide range of client OS types and devices bringing NOAA's vital resources into a superior NOAA security posture. The program was met with great success and the customer was thrilled with the results. The real capital of any company is found in the heart of its employees. The success of this program is another testimony of that truth. Special thanks to David Carter, Antwan Glover, Thomas Murphy and Frank Amrhein lead by Mr. Raymond Caruso, for a job well done.

David Gauldfeldt

Welcome to our New Employees

Tony Blatt, Software Engineer, DOI
Rebecca Murphey, Software Engineer, DOI



Employee Anniversaries

De James, Wireless Engineer, VA, 3 years
Brandon Groenert, Sr. System Engineer, NDU, 3 years
Alex Peake, Lead Enterprise Architect, 1 year

Wireless Engineer
Information Assurance IAVA Engineer
Oracle Database Administrator
Circuit Action Engineer
Data Center Operations Manager
Change Manager/Senior Systems Analyst

NDU
Help Desk Analyst

PFFPA
Lead Windows Systems Admin
Systems Engineer
Help Desk Analyst
Project/Process Analyst

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Kudos to our Wireless Team



Kirk Falk, Beau Hatfield, De James and Lonny LeGrand

for a seamless Wireless installation at Kernersville Healthcare Center!

Our customer wrote us to tell us how pleased they are with your work!

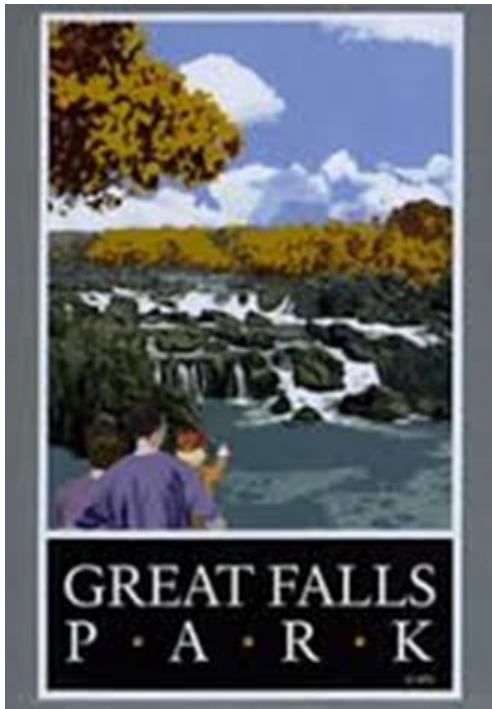
If you have someone you would like to thank email your message to news@synaptexcorp.com

Richard Shumway and Dustin Kramer Restore Connectivity after a record Tornado hits Albany GA

On January 22, 2017, one of the largest tornado outbreaks in any winter month, and one of the longest tornado tracks on record occurred in Albany, Georgia. Afterward, the National Weather Service determined the tornado that travelled that record path of 71 miles over 12 minutes was measured at EF3 on the Enhanced Fujita scale.

The wind speeds of the tornado were estimated at 150 miles per hour, and 90 to 100 percent of the trees along the 71 mile path were uprooted or snapped. Part of this path took it directly over the Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, and the DLA facility located there.

National Park Weekend
Sunday, April 23
Join us at Riverbend Park
in Great Falls for a Group Hike



Location: 8700 Potomac Hills St,
Great Falls, VA 22066
Meet at the Boat Ramp at 9:00am

For more info or to RSVP email
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Lonny LeGrand's son Tyler
graduates from the US Army Military
Police School

Specialist 4th Class Tyler LeGrand graduated from (31Bravo) MP school on February 9th 2017 at Nutter Field House on Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Tyler started his journey in Sept 2016 being assigned to Fort Leonard Wood thru the One Station, One Unit Training (OSUT) which is comprised of Basic Training (BT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) MP School. Upon graduation Tyler was permanently assigned to the 89th MP Brigade (410th MP Company) at Fort Hood Texas. While there he hopes to get an assignment with the 11th MP Company CID (Criminal Investigation Division) where he can become involved with active investigations on base and local area. Tyler joined the Army back in the summer with a goal of attending (OCS) Officers Candidate School and plans to once day

When the DLA employees were safely able to return to work, they quickly discovered the damage to the facility and area utilities prevented them from using their normal IT equipment. The call went out to the J6 Contingency IT Team for immediate assistance. The J6 CIT was formed to provide standardized tactical and scalable communications in the event of natural disasters or contingency requirements.

On January 25, the J6 CIT Branch Chief, Harold Morrow, met with DLA Distribution senior staff to develop a support plan. That same day, the CIT deployed its Mobile Emergency Response Center, operated by Jay Wolk and Sean Mace, from New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. Upon reaching Warner Robins, Georgia the next day, the MERC linked up with the J6 CIT Mobile Command Vehicle and Deployable Operations Center, operated by Tony Johnson and Paul Chamnan. The MERC, MCV, and DOC established operations on January 27 and 28, providing command and control capabilities to the DLA leadership in Albany, along with capabilities to the DLA Distribution Expeditionary Operations Center.

As important as those initial capabilities were, additional connectivity was needed to bridge the gap until full repairs to the infrastructure on the base could be made.

On January 29, J6 dispatched **Richard Shumway** and Charles Hatter from New Cumberland to Albany in order to assess the network infrastructure damage and assist in facilitating connectivity restoral. The team assessed the damage and worked with LAN Management North East Region Team Lead Robert Davis and technician **Dustin Kramer** to develop a strategy to restore services to the buildings, which had lost connectivity due to damaged fiber cabling.

The team quickly developed a plan to utilize nine wireless access points mounted on masts above the buildings' roof lines to create the backbone of a wireless mesh network from building 1221 to the outlying buildings whose fiber cabling had been damaged in the storm. This backbone mesh was then integrated into each building's existing internal network resources to restore full functionality to each building.

The team spent long hours each day climbing on roofs and in between rafters, pulling cabling and configuring equipment to quickly restore full connectivity back to the site. Along the way, they had to deal with no lights, no heat, and debris scattered across the base. Within a week's time, the site was back in an operational state, in spite of the storm damage.

submit his packet to attend OCS or possibly Warrant Officers Candidate School after getting established in his career.

His end goal is to become a Special Agent with the FBI someday. Congratulations Tyler!



Three generations of Military Service

Lonny LeGrand (Army Infantry),
Tyler LeGrand (Army Military Police) Lonny LeGrand, Sr.
(Navy Chute Rigger)

The CIT continued to provide local site support and expeditionary communications for a period of approximately 2 weeks until the wireless mesh was fully operational. The DLA Distribution team was able to begin receiving shipments on February 4, and returned to full operations thanks to the efforts and expertise of the J6 personnel deployed to assist. The CIT was released on February 6, and redeployed to New Cumberland on February 7.

(article featured in DLA J6 Newsletter)



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Save the Date!

SYNAPTEK FAMILY PICNIC

Join us for an old fashioned
barbecue with fun for the entire
family!



Sunday, June 11

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