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Michael Baker International, LLC Awarded $838 Million in U.S. Air Force Contracts

Company Will Facilitate Deployment, Sustainment and Infrastructure Development for F-16’s purchased by Iraq

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Michael Baker International, LLC (“Baker International”) today announced it has been awarded multiple contracts by the U.S. Air Force valued at $838 million over a three year period of performance. Baker International, through its wholly owned subsidiaries, KS International, LLC and Sallyport Global Services Ltd., will provide design, engineering, construction, and other services at Balad Air Base to support the Government of Iraq’s purchase of F-16 aircraft under the U.S. Foreign Military Sales Program (“FMS”).

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Joint Base Balad is one of the largest military bases in Iraq. Work on the program has already begun and it is estimated that the population at Balad will increase to over 5,000 personnel during the construction, training and mobilization required to support the deployment of the aircraft.

Baker International will provide all services, resources and management necessary to support the Iraqi Air Force F-16 FMS program including all planning, design, engineering, engineering assessments, program and construction management, and construction as well as engineering and management for water, wastewater and power production. Baker will also provide flight tower and flight line operations, facilities operations, maintenance and repair, base engineering support, and other services, including, but not limited to, fire safety and training, base medical services, communications engineering, morale, welfare and recreation operations, and security services.

The contract award also requires design-build renovation and rehabilitation projects. These will include the completion of the Base Operations Center, Prime Power Plant, Communications Facility, Electronic Security Systems, and other base infrastructure with options for the inclusion of the Airfield Navigational Aids and other facilities.

“We are honored to be selected to support the Government of Iraq and the U.S. Air Force on this important program,” said Kurt Bergman, CEO of Baker International. “Baker has a full continuum of capabilities. The contract’s extensive scope will allow us to provide a broad range of services from front-end planning, architecture, design and engineering services, to program and construction management, and airfield operations. We have the ability to provide full life cycle support and security services as well as information technology and communication solutions to meet the needs of our customer.” Mr. Bergman further added, “Few companies in our industry are capable of delivering the entire ‘Design-Build-Operate and Maintain’ concept like Baker International.”

“Our Company has been operating successfully throughout Iraq and the region since 2004,” added Nicholas Gross, EVP International Operations for Baker International. “We have a strong commitment to Iraq, and the Iraqi people, and to the region. All of our Baker International employees look forward to continuing to provide support for the next phase of Iraq’s development and economic growth.”
Baker International, through its subsidiaries, Michael Baker Corporation, KS International, LLC, Sallyport Global Services Ltd., and Kaseman, LLC, has a proud legacy of operations in numerous locations in Iraq, the Middle East, Africa, Central Asia, and Europe. For more than 70 years, Baker International has provided an array of capabilities in the energy, oil and gas, infrastructure, education, environmental, water and power, transportation, and urban development, as well as the consulting, training and information technology sectors. Clients include, but are not limited to, United States government agencies as well as allied governments and commercial clients around the world.

**About Michael Baker International, LLC:**

Michael Baker International, LLC (Baker International), is a leading global provider of engineering and consulting services which includes planning, architectural, environmental, construction, program management, and full life cycle support services as well as information technology and communications services and solutions. Baker provides its comprehensive range of services and solutions in support of U.S. federal, state, and municipal governments, foreign allied governments, and a wide range of commercial clients. With more than $1.3 billion in annual revenue, Baker International has more than 6,000 employees in over 90 offices located across the U.S. and internationally. To learn more about Michael Baker International visit: www.mbakerintl.com