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Accipiter Systems, Inc. Granted Funding from eBizITPA for Advanced IT Development Assistance

ERIE, PA (April 2007) --- The Center for eBusiness and Advanced IT (eBizITPA) is proud to announce that advanced IT development assistance funding has been provided to Accipiter Systems, Inc., in order to help further Accipiter's data communications systems product development plan.

Based out of Wexford, Pa., Accipiter Systems, Inc. is developing Wi-Hy, a next-generation wireless system that will eliminate network dropouts and provide a more reliable network for the military, emergency crews, surveillance and public safety personnel. The military, which widely uses robots to protect war fighters, will use the Wi-Hy wireless connection to safely and reliably perform surveillance of bunkers, tunnels, caves and buildings. The new system will decrease the threat of network dropout while increasing the diversity of scenarios in which robots can be used. Additional plans are in place to develop the technology for commercial markets, ultimately resulting in more jobs within Pa.

President of Accipiter Systems, Inc., Dan Flynn, stated, "In developing our technology for commercial markets, the opportunity for job creation and investor return expands. The addition of jobs not only impacts the individuals who accept these jobs, but also helps retain and grow the infrastructure in Pa. This infrastructure is necessary to facilitate future high-technology investment opportunities and high-technology job growth for the area."

eBizITPA recognizes the importance of assisting start-up and small Pa. - based businesses in the planning, product development, marketing and execution of information technology-related new product development. Limited grant funding, project consulting and referrals are available through eBizITPA to help incubate new advanced IT products and services.

eBizITPA, headquartered in Erie, Pa., is a statewide Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Initiative, designed to help Pa. enterprises understand and use information technology and e-business tools. More information about eBizITPA can be found online at www.ebizitpa.org.