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Surrey's Analytic Systems assists ENSCO Inc. in the DARPA Challenge

Surrey, BC March 10, 2004. A cash award of \$1 million will be granted to one of 25 teams that fields the first vehicle to complete a designated route within a specified time limit. The race is from Los Angeles to Las Vegas, March 13, 2004. The purpose of the challenge is to leverage American ingenuity to accelerate the development of autonomous robotic vehicle (ARV) technologies that can be applied to military requirements. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency challenged engineering companies and universities to develop a reasonably priced ARV.

Team ENSCO is partnered with The George Mason University Geography Department, National Instruments, MathWorks, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, and Whelen Engineering to develop their ARV for the Grand Challenge.

Due to the potentially rigorous environmental and operational requirements, Team ENSCO contacted **Analytic Systems** of Surrey, BC to assist with a unique battery charger that has a high current demand and needs to keep the batteries continuously charged. The battery charger required a high vibration and wide temperature operation modification as well, which is very similar to many of **Analytic Systems** military products. Team ENSCO also needed the battery charger built and delivered within a very short time frame. "We are pleased to assist in this historic event, and look forward to helping the U.S. Department of Defense enhance national security through the increased use of robotics in combat" said Bill Walker, Business Development Manager, Analytic Systems.

ENSCO Inc, Springfield VA, (www.ensco.com) provides engineering, science and advanced technology solutions for government and industry organizations.

Analytic Systems (www.analyticsystems.com) manufactures a wide range of high performance Voltage Conversion products including battery chargers, voltage converters, power supplies and inverters for Military, Marine, Industrial, Alternative Energy and Motorsports applications, through out North America.

Battery Charger Photo available at www.analyticsystems.com/products/bcd605.htm.

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