# esc Aerospace US, Inc. Business Plan

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#### 1.0 Our Customer's Need

Advances in technology have become such an integral part of day-to-day life that we can hardly imagine a world without them. We are truly living in the day of the *Jetson's*.

It would be unbearable to imagine a failure or loss of access to any of our technologies such as the Internet, and smart phones. However, there is a technology which is just as omnipresent as the Internet that most of

us do not even realize we use constantly ... GPS.

Over fifty years ago, who knew how pervasive GPS would become? When we

think of GPS, most of us think of our smart phone or car navigation system. However, GPS is the world standard for **Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT).** From natural interferences to growing terrorist threats, our total dependence on GPS is problematic. There is hardly a system today (military or commercial) that is not totally dependent on GPS for position and/or time. Without it, financial systems may fail, autonomous vehicles might crash, military missions could fail, and lives could be lost.

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#### Our solution is critical to meeting US National Defense needs

Section 1618 of the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), "Backup and Complementary Positioning, Navigation and Timing Capabilities of Global Positioning System (GPS)".

To meet ever-growing threats of both, natural and man-made environments, and evolving adversary countermeasures, there is a **need to PNT solutions that are not completely reliant on GPS**.

Accurate and reliable positioning and timing is critical to a variety of applications.

Last year, during GPS satellite maintenance, an incorrect time was accidentally uploaded to several GPS satellites, making them "out of sync" by the fractions of fractions of seconds.

The minute error disrupted GPS-dependent timing equipment around the world for more than 12 hours. In parts of the U.S and Canada, police, fire, and EMS radio equipment stopped functioning. BBC digital radio was out for two days in many areas, and the anomaly was even detected in electrical power grids.





As another example, in 2018, a joint forces unit was on a mission against a high-value target when they were ambushed and pinned down. When interviewed, the Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) said, "Because of the **tree cover**, the aircraft overhead couldn't see me or the target. I had to **continually leave the protection** of cover in order adjust the rounds." Eventually the airstrikes were called in, allowing the unit to withdraw.

These are just a couple examples of where our solution for a more reliable Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) system (escPN $T^{TM}$ ) is

highly beneficial and leads to increased mission success and save lives!!



#### 2.0 esc Aerospace US, Inc.

esc Aerospace US, Inc. is a small product developer and systems integrator, with the depth of experience of a large corporation. Our size, low overhead, extensive solution partnerships and global reach enable us to meet the highest complexity technological challenges and meet our clients need with best value solutions.

We are focused on development and delivery of highly accurate and resilient Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) solutions without dependency on GPS. Our team is continuously adding capability, such as our patent pending use of non-navigation satellite signals as a source of positioning and our highly accurate, ultra-low power timing circuits.



esc Aerospace US, Inc. has successfully delivered solutions across the US Department of Defense and commercial customer like Ford Motor Company. Our revenue comes from direct product sales, licensing, and services.

Our team has more than 60 years of experience across military and commercial markets and decades of experience with product development.

#### 2.1 Legal Structure

esc Aerospace US, Inc. is a Florida C-Corporation and is a registered US Small Business Administration "US Owned and Controlled" small business. We are located in the UCF Business Incubator at Research Park in Orlando Florida. Located near the University of Central Florida campus, as well as key technology industry clusters, the Central Florida Research Park incubator predominantly serves emerging high-tech companies. This 48,000-square-foot facility features Class A office space with flexible leases, meeting and conference rooms, shared office equipment, plus space suitable for laboratories and early-stage manufacturing.

The owners of esc Aerospace US, Inc. are invested in two esc Aerospace companies in Europe (esc Aerospace GmbH and esc Aerospace sro). However, these companies are not affiliated with esc Aerospace US, Inc. We only share the brand name and collaborate through subcontract agreements.

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#### 2.2 Key Personnel

The esc Aerospace US, Inc. team has the experience, dedication and passion to meet and exceed growth objectives. Strong business and technology acumen coupled with an extensive network of potential customers, suppliers, and partners minimize risk and enable success.



#### Lars Weimer - President & Chief Executive Officer

Lars has the German degree Dipl.-Ing. (equivalent to Master of Science) in Aviation and Aerospace Engineering. He is a highly experienced and dynamic aerospace manager, with vast background of skills and experience in research and leading technical and non-technical teams. He has driven the successful start and early growth phase of tech companies in the US and Europe. His professional experience includes UAS research and development projects with several commercial entities as well as the European Space Agency (ESA), USAF AFRL and US Army. Lars has more than 20 years of demonstrated achievements in all space and aviation system life cycle phases.

#### Danny Stirtz - Executive Vice President

Danny Stirtz has over 40 years of experience in systems development and commercialization. He has successfully launched a number of small businesses as well as worked at all levels of large and small organizations from individual contributor/programmer to senior staff positions at companies like Lockheed Martin, Hughes Aircraft Company, Northrop Electronics, GE Aerospace, and Beckman Instruments. He spent over 28 years at Lockheed Martin. His development experience has included Astro-Inertial Navigation Systems (SR-71), GPS space and ground segments, MILSTAR ground segment, Second TDRSS Ground Station (STGT), visualization/mapping systems (classified), and other related technology areas. Danny was awarded a BS in Computer Science from California State University of Fullerton in 1981.

#### Cantwell Carson – Senior System Engineer

Dr. Carson has worked on over 20 government-funded research and development projects in academia, national labs, and the private sector. His Ph.D. in Materials Science & Engineering was awarded from Georgia Institute of Technology in 2009. Cantwell was Principal Investigator for the AF182-002 "Satellite ID, Tracking, and Health for Position Navigation and Timing" contract where he developed a method of determining positions of LEO satellites for PNT. As Technical Lead of AF 1917 Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) "Satellite Identification, Tracking, and Health" he developed a low cost, passive satellite tracking system based on RF signal time-of-flight, and Doppler shift.

#### Edward Seger – Senior FPGA Development Lead

Mr. Seger is a highly capable and experienced developer with over 20 years of experience in FPGA and hardware development. His experience includes development of the radio front-end/FPGA for the escPNT<sup>TM</sup> LEO SOOP project with the Air Force. His experience design and development of next generation analog acquisition hardware, signal processing applications using FPGAs and microprocessors, multiplatform system test software suite development. His experience ranges across multiple recognized commercial developers as well as the NSA where he optimized signal processing software and invented a disk sanitizer capability to declassify disk drives for use outside the agency (received the Directors Productivity Improvement Award). Mr. Seger has a BS-EE from Capitol College, Laurel MD.

#### 2.3 Ownership and Management

esc Aerospace US, Inc. was founded June 13th, 2018, by its three current shareholders. Their voting shares currently represent 80% of the total 10,000,000 shares of stock. The remaining 20% non-voting shares have been reserved for employee incentives and/or small investment. To date,  $\sim 1\%$  of the reserved non-voting shares have been allocated for employee incentive.

	%	# Voting	%	# Non-Voting		
Shareholders	Voting	Shares	Non-Voting	Shares	<b>Total Shares</b>	% Total
Mathias Krueger	40%	3,200,000	0%	-	3,200,000	32.00%
Lars Weimer	30%	2,400,000	0%	-	2,400,000	24.00%
Danny Stirtz	30%	2,400,000	0%	-	2,400,000	24.00%
Reserve	0%	-	99%	1,980,000	1,980,000	19.80%
Emplyees/Investors	0%	-	1%	22,000	22,000	0.22%
Total	100%	8,000,000	100%	2,000,000	10,000,000	100%

Board of Directors: Mathias Kruger, Lars Weimer, Danny Stirtz

**Corporate Officers:** (day to day operations): Lars Weimer, Danny Stirtz Full resumes/CVs and corporate documents are available upon request.

#### 3.0 Markets and Business Strategy

esc Aerospace US, Inc. is a product developer and systems integrator. We strive to understand our client's complex needs and integrate/deliver solutions to meet those needs.

To maximize our success, we focus on the following strategies:

- Technology Focus: We constantly evaluate technologies and markets for opportunities. Because of
  the existing market size and continued high growth potential (see Market and Commercialization
  section) we have strategically focused on Unmanned Systems (Autonomous Systems) and specifically
  on Guidance, Navigation, Control (GNC) and Positioning, Navigation, Timing (PNT) solutions.
- 2) Customer/Market Focus: Although we sell to both commercial and defense markets, we have strategically focused on defense. Although the defense markets traditionally yield lower margins, the **US Department of Defense (DOD)** provides significant opportunity. Traditionally the DOD supports small businesses through set-asides, significant investment through SBIR and other programs, as well as small business objectives for larger prime contractors. Additionally, the National specifically recognizes the Defense Strategy importance of new technologies, e.g. autonomous systems, and encourages "increase agility, speed, and resiliency ... and deployment ... in order to stand ready to fight and win the next conflict." The goal is



What application would not benefit from reliable and accurate PNT in GPS denial?

to make the military more "lethal, agile, and resilient." (the *National Defense Strategy* is classified, but the 10-page unclassified summary of this strategic guidance document is available on request).

#### 3.1 Market Size

As part of the esc Aerospace Business Development process, we conducted a market analysis to analyze the market potential prior to investment of esc Aerospace Internal Research and Development funds. Additionally, as part of our first Department of Defense contract with the US Air Force AFRL (AF182-002 Innovative Position Navigation and Timing), an independent consultant was tasked by AFRL to develop a detailed market analysis. This analysis/report (*report available on request*) validated the market analysis already conducted by esc Aerospace.

In summary, all analysis shows tremendous growth potential and multibillion dollar market (i.e. "The global location-based services market was valued at: USD **20.53 billion** and is expected to reach USD 133.08 billion by 2023...").

We have conducted analysis of the number of platforms in the US DOD only (excluding potential commercial and global defense markets). This analysis shows greater than 800,000 platforms that may benefit from an escPNT<sup>TM</sup> system.

This number is consistent with the published data regarding the Joint Tactical Radio System (JTRS)

Platforms		
Army Active Duty	500,000	
Infantry	15%	75,000
Other field support	10%	50,000
SOCOM	70,000	
Tactical/support	50%	35,000
Ground Vehicles		500,000
Small UAS		11,000
Aircraft		15,000
Ships		10,000
		696,000
Spares	20%	139,200
Total		835,200

program that eventually will deploy over 750,000 tactical radios. The same platforms (and others) that would utilize a tactical radio **would also benefit from an escPNT**<sup>TM</sup> **device**. The program is budgeted  $\sim$ \$6.8 billion to produce 180,000 (initial wave) radios, an average cost per radio of \$37,700.

#### 4.0 Product Strategy

escPNT $^{\text{TM}}$  is our current brand for our solution to resilient/accurate PNT in GPS challenged and denied environments. We are aggressively pursuing contracts to fund enhancement and accelerate market entry.

Our overall strategy:

- Focus on multi-sensor data fusion that enables us to leverage any/all sources of positioning/timing information.
- No subscription required zero dependence on signal content and service providers.
- Provide very low Size, Weight, Power and Cost (SWaP-C) product to enable market reach.

Low SWaP-C enables us to meet growing market demand in markets that are currently very underserved, including sense and



avoid for autonomous rovers (ground, air), construction site inspection, surveillance, military (dismounted, small UAS, precision weapons), autonomous ground vehicles as well as larger ground vehicles, aircraft, maritime applications, space applications, mission planning, search and rescue, border protection, pipeline/powerline inspection. Our go to market strategy is to start with those markets that would benefit most from low SWaP-C (i.e. small UAS and dismounted soldier) and grow into other markets (i.e. manned aircraft, maritime, etc.).

# What applications/systems would NOT benefit from accurate position and time in GPS denial?

The low size, weight, power, and cost of our solution, combined with our unique technical features, discriminates our solution and enables us to reach huge and growing markets.

#### Our go-to market strategy includes:

- Direct sales of product
- Software/Technology licensing
- Integration services

Software/Technology product licensing to channel partners will accelerate access to commercial markets and grow returns.

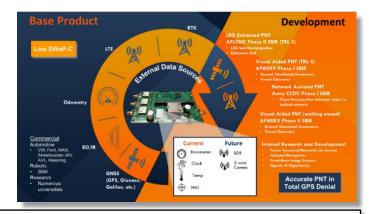
We continue to leverage DOD and other government agency small business initiatives to fund product development and have successfully delivered prototype systems to the Air Force and Army under SBIR contracts. Transition from these prototypes to operational systems requires additional investment but will yield exponential sales growth.

Our competitors (legacy military navigation, companies and new market entrants for PNT in GPS denial) typically focus on a single technology – like vision systems, inertial systems, terrestrial transmitters, and others – to solve the problem of GPS denial. This tends to limit their utility across various use cases. esc Aerospace US, Inc. focuses on integration of multiple sensors and technologies for applicability across a much larger set of uses. At the same time our solutions are low SWaP-C (Size, Weight, Power, Cost) and do not require any subscriptions or proprietary receiver hardware.

Additionally, our product is intended to be a "sub-system" to other systems and as such, will open other integration opportunities.

#### 5.0 Our current products

Our robust escPNT<sup>TM</sup> Product Roadmap has been designed to continuously add reliability, accuracy and robustness for PNT in TOTAL GPS denial for our existing customers and to reach additional commercial and government markets.



#### We currently offer two primary products:

- 1. escPNTTM low SWaP-C (Size, Weight, Power, Cost) device that provides reliability, accuracy and robustness for PNT in TOTAL GPS denial
- 2. escULP-TC<sup>TM</sup> chip size Ultra-Low Power (ULP) Timing Circuit that bridges the gap between lowcost commercial oscillators (XO) and very high cost and power Chip Scale Atomic Clocks (CSAC).

#### **escPNT**<sup>TM</sup> 5.1

escPNT<sup>TM</sup> is based on a commercially available GPS product with layers of capabilities added to provide resiliency and accuracy when GPS signals are unavailable or unreliable. Many competitive products tend to focus on one technology. This limits their ability to address application across a wide variety of applications.

We offer escPNT<sup>TM</sup> as a standalone device, or as an embedded board. Some of the technology layers may also be licensed as software components.



Layers of capability add resiliency, accuracy and ability to function in an extensive variety of applications



- **Target size** 
  - 2 Inch
- < 6 oz
- Multi-SKU
  - Feature/function Military/commercial
  - Embedded/Standalone

The small size makes escPNT<sup>TM</sup> applicable to large and growing markets, such as small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS).

Our escULP-TC<sup>TM</sup> product is a component of escPNT<sup>TM</sup> and enables our solution to provide continuous/accurate PNT when other solutions would fail over time.



#### 5.1.1 **GPS/RTK**

The foundation of escPNT<sup>TM</sup> is a commercially available product that provides a low SWaP-C solution for accurate position/time in GPS challenged environments. Low SWaP-C enable us to meet growing market demand in markets that are currently very underserved including small UAS, personal (tactical-level airmen), small ground autonomous vehicles, precision weapons, and many more. Our solution is also applicable to other markets that currently utilize much larger, heavier, greater power consumption and expensive devices such as larger manned aircraft and maritime application (commercial and military). At the core of



escPNT<sup>TM</sup> is our tightly coupled sensor fusion algorithm that fuses a wide variety of information to produce

an accurate and reliable position. This includes 3 Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) receivers, Inertial Measurement Unit, crystal clock, barometer, and temperature sensor. Multiple standard interfaces enable access to other sensors and sources of information.

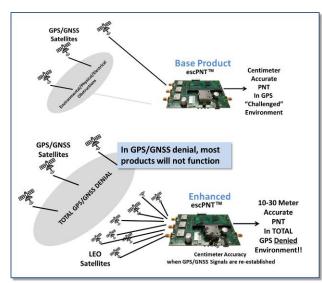
By utilizing multiple sources of information, we provide a resilient centimeter accurate PNT in GPS/GNSS "challenged" environments (where GPS and other GNSS satellite signals may be unreliable due to weather conditions, RF signal noise, signal reflections off buildings, obstructed by trees/buildings, etc.) for some short time (1-5 minutes).

Real-time kinematic (RTK) corrections are applied to enable positional accuracy to 2 centimeters!!

#### 5.1.2 Signals of Opportunity (SOOP)

The airways are full of Radio Frequency (RF) signals that were not necessarily intended for positioning. Our solution has been designed and developed to be flexible/configurable to leverage many of these RF "Signals of Opportunity" (SOOP) as positioning information.

In September 2020 we successfully delivered a proof-of-concept operational prototype to US Air Force Lifecycle Management Center (AFLCMC). This prototype added the use of signals from non-positioning Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite as a source of positioning. We were able to calculate position data based on LEO satellite signals only and visualize the position on military systems (Android Team Awareness Kit - ATAK). Our customer



declared our proof-of-concept "very successful." A 100 sec video may be viewed at:

https://youtu.be/RNqhAtszjsl

Being at a much lower orbit than GPS satellites, LEO satellite signals are much stronger and reliable. There are currently hundreds of LEO satellites broadcasting over a much wider spectrum of frequencies which makes them far **more difficult to spoof or jam**. In the next few years, it is anticipated that megaconstellations such as Space-X's Starlink will be launched, making **thousands of new satellites available for positioning information**.



By adding the use of other signal sources, like LEO satellite signals, we can literally assure signal availability and PNT in GPS denied environments. Unlike other competitive products, our solution does NOT rely on signal content and is NOT reliant on costly receivers/services (i.e. GlobalStar, Iridium).

This same architecture is being leveraged for a number of new business opportunities including: 1) to pursue a current Navy SBIR for use of Very Low Frequency (VLF) RF signals for PNT on Navy vessels (surface and submerged); 2) Naval Research Labs (NRL) sole-source award for configurable SOOP PNT.

#### 5.1.3 Visual Aided PNT

esc Aerospace successfully completed an SBIR Phase 1 contract for adding Visual and Visual Inertial Data to our escPNT<sup>TM</sup>. This provides enhancements to our current escPNT<sup>TM</sup>, to enable Enhanced Visual Odometry for accurate PNT in GPS denial as well as utilization of **Al applied to visual imagery** enhanced situational awareness (Real-Time 3D terrain mapping, Al for object ID, etc.).

#### 5.1.4 Network Assisted PNT

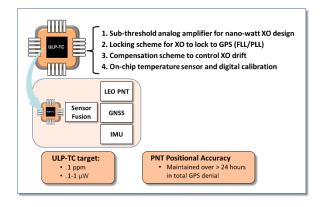
Unlike prior research that focused on a "base-station," our approach that was developed in an US Army SBIR Phase 1 project, is based on the concept that each node in the network of nodes (for example a group of warfighters) has the ability to act a "base-station." That is, at least one node in the network will have a "trusted" PNT (accurate and reliable) time/position. All other nodes in the network will be "synchronized" to that Trusted Node with the help of our in-house Remote Synchronization Protocol (RSP), thereby enabling all nodes in the network to maintain accurate position/time in TOTAL GPS denial.

#### 5.1.5 Event Based Sensor Assisted PNT

Traditional camera sensors are limited in dynamic movement environments resulting in motion blur and high latency. There is an evolving new sensor technology available, Event-Based Cameras. These cameras capture changes in pixel brightness only (compared whole frame). They output - timestamp, spatial coordinate, and brightness changes only which results in a significant reduction in data gathered, high temporal resolution, sub-millisecond latency and a higher dynamic range. Use of Event-Based Cameras as an alternate source of visual data, our Visual Enhanced PNT opens our solution up to applications where traditional image technologies struggle (i.e. low light/nigh time, tracking of fast-moving objects, etc.).

#### 5.2 escULP-TCTM

It is sometimes forgotten that the "T" in PNT stands for "TIME" and many systems rely on GPS for accurate time. Current PNT solutions leverage internal clocks/oscillators to maintain time when GPS signals are unavailable. However, the lower SWaP-C clocks/oscillators tend to "drift" over short periods of time (minutes). This is acceptable when GPS is "challenged"/spotty due to obstructions (urban canyons, tree cover, etc.) but is totally unacceptable when GPS is denied for hours or days. One solution to this problem is use of Chip Scale Atomic Clocks



(CSAC). The problem is current technology CSACs are high power consumers. For mobile applications (i.e. small UAS, precision weapons, handheld radios, etc.), this drives the need for additional power/batteries.

esc Aerospace has partnered with researchers at Northeastern University to create an affordable Ultra-Low Power (ULP) Timing Circuit (escULP-TC<sup>TM</sup>) that bridges the gap between low SWaP-C commercial oscillators (XO) and very high SWaP-C CSACs. Our new escULP-TC<sup>TM</sup> will enable significant positional accuracy improvements of our escPNT<sup>TM</sup> and enable utilization in total GPS denial without positional/time "drift." The market potential for escULP-TC<sup>TM</sup> by itself is significant, especially in the emerging field of the Internet-of-Things (IoT).

#### 6.0 Example Relationships - Customers, Stakeholders, Users

The following are **some examples** of "Champions" for our company/technology:

- Ray Heath, Lead Special Warfare Requirements, US Air Force AFSOC, HQ A5-8-9/A5K supported our SBIR Phase 2 LEO PNT project by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (a prerequisite for contract award).
- Paul Olson, Chief Engineer US Army Combat Capabilities Development Command (CCDC),
  Army Futures Command, Positioning, Navigation and Timing Division, Command, Power & Integration
  Directorate Direct customer for Network Assisted PNT. Paul continues to be an esc Aerospace
  "champion" and has provided numerous Letters of Support (LoS) for our SBIR proposals. He also
  signed our Air Force MoU for our Visual Aided PNT Phase II SBIR.
- Sanford (Luke) Steelman III, US Navy Naval Surface Warfare Center VA (USA) is currently working with us to obtain funding for our SOOP capability. Luke and his team have been working on a SOOP PNT solution for years. He has reviewed our solution and believes we have a unique approach that will enable field configuration of our PNT device to utilize a wide spectrum of RF SOOP without hardware/software field upgrades. This will provide significant cost savings and reduced technical risk. We are currently working with him to define 2022 scope/budget for a sole-source award project.
- Paul Fleitz, Air Launched Off-Board Operations (ALOBO) Team Lead US Air Force, AFRL/RQQC

   actively supports our Visual Aided PNT activities and provided a signed MOU in support of our Visual Aided PNT and Ultra-Low Power Timing Circuit (ULP-TC) Phase II proposals. Paul is US Air Force Customer and End User in our on-going ULP-TC Phase 2 contract.
- Mark Smearcheck, Senior Electronics Engineer, Navigation and Communication Branch, Air Force Research Laboratory, Sensors Directorate — Mark is the Air Force representative to PM-PNT (cross services organization intended to share information/technologies relative to PNT). He has been a significant champion and has provided multiple LoS and introductions throughout the DOD.
- Dr. Stephen J. Lee, Ph.D., Chief Scientist (SES-ST) US Army, U.S. Army Research Laboratory (ARL), U.S. Army Research Office, Office of the Director - The laboratory will support escPNT<sup>TM</sup> PoC testing support. Actively supporting identification of potential funding opportunities.
- Michael Sedillo, BATMAN PM USAF Sensory System's branch, 711th Human Performance Wing - Provide test/exercise support in several use cases. We will work closely with the BATMAN to identify other applications/use cases. The team is also actively supporting potential funding for an SBIR Phase II Enhancement Project.
- Maj. John Beilstein, Chief of Test USAF AFMC 661 AESS/WIJ-661 AESS Provide subject matter expertise and extensive operational and testing lessons learned will be provided.
- Bon Strout, SERE Air Force, AFSOC Technical Point of Contact (TPOC) for our project "Smart Streamer".
- Richard J. Benney, Director Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Soldier Center (CCDC-SC), Aerial Delivery Directorate CCDC-SC will provide an airdrop vehicle upon which our enhanced system may be tested to characterize its response to the cargo airdrop environment. CCDC-SC will utilize existing GPS sensors during system flight and compare with data measured by the enhanced escPNT<sup>TM</sup> product, to ascertain its accuracy and utility for air drop application.
- Benjamin Johnis, PM, Personnel Recovery U.S. Special Operations Command Central (SOCCENT) - Mr. Johnis has been actively supporting esc Aerospace since 2018 when he interviewed as part of our Customer Discovery process for our AFRL "Special Topic" SBIR AF182-002 Innovative Position Navigation and Timing. For our Phase 2 project he provided advice and actively supported identification of potential funding for a Phase 2 Enhancement project.

#### A sample of our industry partnerships include:

- Lockheed Martin RMS LM Rotary and Mission Systems (RMS) Provided numerous LoS, included
  esc Aerospace as teammate on US DOT PNT opportunity. esc Aerospace included LM RMS as
  teammate on C5 OTA Soldier Integrated PNT proposal. LM RMS is also actively supporting
  sponsorship of esc Aerospace Secret Facility Clearance.
- **Cubic** Cubic has agreed to allow esc Aerospace to utilize their facility in Orlando as needed to support our PNT efforts (SECRET facility clearance). We continue to investigate the potential of integration of escPNT<sup>TM</sup> with Cubic products and to build our strategic relationship.
- **Aironge** Design and manufacturing of automatically navigated and flown manned and unmanned airplanes designed for dirty, dull and dangerous aerial missions Integration of escPNT<sup>TM</sup> with Aironge avionics/autopilot with test/evaluation in actual flight. Aironge will also analyze escPNT<sup>TM</sup> for flight certification efforts to be proposed in subsequent projects.

#### 7.0 Intellectual Property

We consider the design/implementation of our escPNT<sup>TM</sup> product line to be a **Trade Secret**. All esc Aerospace staff, partners and subcontractor/suppliers have and will sign Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA). All intellectual property is rigorously controlled and labeled.

A **provisional patent** related to our unique method of using LEO satellite signals for PNT has been filed: "A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING A RECEIVER GROUND POSITION" – Reference No.: 47623-4000P.

We have **trademarked the brand**, **escPNT**<sup>TM</sup> (not registered). Before significant production begins, we plan to conduct a more rigorous branding strategy and potentially select a different brand.

#### 8.0 Competition

esc Aerospace's competitive landscape includes:

#### **Small GPS receiver companies:**

**Product:** low cost, low accuracy, product that does NOT function well in GPS challenged environments and does NOT work at all in GPS denied environments

**Example:** Garmin, TomTom, Here, etc.

**Competitive risk** (LOW): Will not meet need for accurate PNT in GPS challenged/denied environment. Small overlap in addressable market

#### Legacy military navigation companies:

**Product:** Heavy, large, high power and expensive devices typically for large vehicles (aircraft, ground vehicles, maritime)

**Example:** Northrop, Lockheed Martin, Rockwell

**Competitive risk** (Moderate): Will tend to continue to focus on adding resiliency for GPS denial to existing product. May reduce SWaP but will probably continue to address the larger vehicle markets. They are a potential "partner" if we can find a way to integrate/license our technology to them, re-brand or resell our product.

#### Newer technology GPS/Navigation companies:

**Product:** Low SWaP products. Market segment overlap. Ability to meet accuracy needs in GPS "challenged" environments. Similar approach utilizing multi-sensor fusion.

**Example:** Novatel, Trimble, etc.

**Competitive risk** (High): Currently NOT addressing need to PNT in total denial or offering vendor specific solutions. Products are 2X larger/heavier, and 50% higher price.

#### New market entrants for PNT in GPS denial utilizing LEO

**Product:** Mid SWaP. Moderate price PNT solution. Each product utilizes a single LEO satellite constellation

Example: GlobalStar/Echoridge (uses GlobalStar), "AltPNT" (classified), Satelles/Iridium

**Competitive risk** (High): Seem to be addressing larger vehicle and/or dismounted/hand-held markets. Advertised accuracy 10-30 meters. Lower SWaP, lower price, better performance and constellation/vendor agnostic yields escPNT<sup>TM</sup> a competitive advantage.

#### 9.0 Sales and Financial Strategy

Our growth strategy is to grow "organically" and be open to "opportunistic" investment to accelerate growth. Investment revenue could accelerate growth.

Implementation of this strategy is through DOD contracts, primarily SBIR projects. Other sources of revenue are product sales and commercial contract work (i.e. Ford Motor Company Proof of Concept, etc.) and IR&D.



### Our strategy for product sales is anticipated to come from:

- 1) Leverage of SBIR projects for non-dilutive funding of product development
- 2) Product sales
- 3) Software licensing
- 4) Annual product support/maintenance fees
- 5) Integration services

Our sales strategy is both direct and indirect. We are pursuing direct sales to government and commercial customers. However, since our product is an "embedded system" we are also pursuing sales to "platform" manufacturers (i.e. small UAS, autonomous vehicle manufacturers, etc.), service providers (i.e. mapping/survey, disaster recovery, insurance/claims, inspections/maintenance, etc.), channel partners (i.e. systems integrators (like Lockheed Martin), etc.).

Our customer pipeline has over 400 current potential customers in all these areas and growing. We anticipate year over year growth as markets mature, and early adopter customers roll out escPNT<sup>TM</sup> through various applications/platforms.

The company was formed with a very small loan from the current shareholders and has grown organically since. Operations/development inception-to-date have been funded through contract/product sales. Our revenue objectives are shown below.

	2020 2021 2022		2023	2024	2025			
Ī	\$ 760,000	\$	600,000	\$	2,345,000	\$ 3,076,000	\$ 11,581,000	\$ 51,486,000

The revenue projections are based: on a market analysis and conservative assumptions for our share of the market; potential product sales, maintenance fees and integration services; analysis of DOD projects and probability of win.

Detailed financial analysis is available on request.

#### 10.0 Potential Capital Raise and Use of Funds

Ask: up to \$1 M (potential incremental funding and matching funds)

In general, a capital raise would be used to accelerate our grow. Funds would be used in these areas:

- Staffing: our revenue flow from the DOD is sensitive to DOD notoriously slow procurement cycles
  and payments making cash flow management problematic and limiting our ability to hire key fulltime staff. We manage our cash flow diligently. One mechanism we utilize is use of part-time contract
  labor. With additional capital, we could add additional full-time employees, accelerate our IR&D
  efforts, and pursuit and win more business. Potential staff includes: Lead engineers, Business
  Development, Hardware and Software engineers.
- Accelerated product Development: Acceleration of product development will enable us to win more business in DOD markets as well as enable us to accelerate sales to commercial markets.
- Marketing/Product Management: Sales into the commercial market will require the development and execution of a robust Product Plan that will include marketing/branding, go-to-market strategy development, channel development/management, product support, etc.

#### Ability to multiply investment - Supplemental Funding Pilot Program (TACFI and STRATFI)

The DOD has provided us with a unique opportunity to leverage external investment through the Supplemental Funding Pilot Program (TACFI and STRATFI). The purpose of this pilot program is to catalyze the relationships between Air Force and Space Force end-users and acquisition professionals, private-sector innovators, and the investment community and to bridge the capability gap between current SBIR/STTR Phase II efforts and Phase III scaling efforts, facilitating delivery of strategic capabilities for the Department of the Air Force.

The pilot program provides "matching" SBIR funds to other "investments" (from investment community and/or any other government entity). The maximum funding levels are:

**TACFI:** \$375,000 to \$1,700,000 (Air Force Matching)

- 1:1 Matching
- For every \$1 of investment, AF matches \$1 up to \$1.7M
- Minimum investment \$375K

#### **STRATFI:** \$3,000,000 to \$15,000,000 (Air Force Matching)

- 1:2 Matching
- For every \$1 of investment, AF matches \$.5 up to \$15M
- Minimum investment \$6M

#### **Examples:**

#### **TACFI** "Minimum" Example

Investment: \$375KMatch: \$375KTotal: \$750K

#### **STRATFI** "Minimum" Example:

Investment: \$6MMatch: \$3MTotal: \$9M

This is a competitive program with solicitation once per calendar year. The next solicitation will be January 2022. External funds need to be committed prior to award.

Ability to multiply investment - Air Force Ventures Commercial Solutions Opening (CSO)

The Air Force (through AF Ventures) has implemented a special version of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program. We have been successful in winning a number of these projects specifically aimed at building the Defense Industrial Base (DIB) and promoting the growth of small business.

As part of the evaluation of an award the AF evaluates the offeror's "Commercialization Strategy." In an attempt to ensure success of the small business, the DOD seeks to invest in companies/technologies that exhibit compelling demand signals. This may be evidenced through a strong Commercialization Strategy description, but the highest evaluation comes from other organizations that are willing to "invest" along side the SBIR funding. This investment may come from other DOD program funding or external investment. A typical award is \$750K.

#### 11.0 Exit Strategy

- **Time frame for exit:** The current owners of esc Aerospace US, Inc. plan to exit in approximately 5 years (2026).
- Form of exit: It is anticipated that the exit may be in the form of majority or complete ownership sale, and/or sale of specific technology like escPNT<sup>TM</sup> and/or ULP-TC. The current Corporate Officers are open to potential on-going employment in support of the new ownership.
- Potential Buyers: We anticipate potential buyers to be:
  - Other larger product companies in the Guidance Navigation and Control (GNC) space (e.g. NOVATEL, Trimble, etc.)
  - Large government contractors (e.g. Northrop Grumman, Lockheed Martin, etc.)
  - Portfolio investment companies (potentially as "add-on" to existing company)

We have already been building relationships with many potential buyers as teaming partners, and suppliers.