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Eastie company wins contract to install high-powered sirens at Republican Presidential Compound in Baghdad

TIMES STAFF REPORT

An Eastie based company is doing its part to ensure our troops overseas receive proper safety measures while in Iraq.

Acoustic Technology Inc. (ATI), located on Jeffries Street, has received a contract to provide nine remote-access mobile voice high-powered sirens for the U.S. Army, to be delivered to the Republican Presidential Compound in Baghdad, Iraq.

The systems in the past have

been designed for municipalities in regions prone to emergency concerns, including weather, fire, flooding and also manmade disasters.

The giant voice mobile units will include 1600-watt high-powered speaker units configured with 400-watt speaker horns, which are mounted on mobile trailer systems. The siren incorporates ATI's patented technology of Class D amplifiers and can be remotely accessed by the VHF or UHF radio controller provided with the sys-

tem.

"ATI has provided giant voice and emergency warning systems to US military facilities worldwide," said ATI spokeswoman Susan Bailey. "This is one in many security upgrades for facilities overseas."

Bailey said it's very rewarding for ATI to be involved in homeland security measures both in the U.S. and overseas.

"We are doing our part to make a positive impact on the day to day lives of our troops overseas," said Bailey. "This system is another

level of safety and security for Americans and Iraqis in Baghdad."

Emergency warning and alerting systems must now include Intelligible Voice capabilities as specified in the new DOD Military Document UFC (Unified Facility Criteria 4-021-01) and also the new FEMA guidelines (CPG 1-17) scheduled to be released this year.

Intelligible Voice, or the ability to provide immediate voice warnings and instructions to a specific population, is available through ATI. This key function can be designed into both newly developed systems and also into applications, which integrate to existing or other manufacturers' siren equipment.

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