

## **Rear Admiral Betancourt (Ret.) Joins Access Systems as Executive Director for Navy Programs**

RESTON, Va., April 10 -Access Systems, Inc. (ACCESS), an information technology (IT) solutions provider, today announced that Rear Admiral Jose Luis Betancourt (Ret.) has joined the company as Executive Director for Navy Programs. Admiral Betancourt will provide leadership to ACCESS management and staff working on Navy contracts and will oversee ACCESS' Navy customer relationship management initiative.

ACCESS CEO Julie Lee stated, "ACCESS is fortunate that someone with Admiral Betancourt's distinguished record of service to the Navy has agreed to oversee our company's Navy programs. The knowledge and experience gained during his 33-year Naval career will benefit ACCESS and our Navy customers."

"I'm pleased to have the opportunity to work with ACCESS as it continues its strong record of growth in the defense IT market," said Admiral Betancourt. "I look forward to providing the leadership necessary to ensure optimal results for all of ACCESS' Navy programs."

Admiral Betancourt will also serve as Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Accela Group, a joint venture of ACCESS, Diamond Data Systems, Inc., and Ultimate Solutions, Inc. pursuing a Systems Engineering and Technical Assistance contracting opportunity at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center in New Orleans.

Admiral Betancourt brings to ACCESS the knowledge and experience gained during his 33-year Navy career. His most recent post was a three-year assignment as the Commander of the Navy's Southwest Region, during which he oversaw logistical, IT and engineering support across the Southwestern United States. His previous assignments include command of USS Merrill and USS Peleliu.

Born in Mexico and raised in Texas, Admiral Betancourt graduated from Pan American University and earned master's degrees from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington, D.C. He received his commission in March 1972. His military decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, and various service and campaign awards.

### About Access Systems

ACCESS employs over 350 employees in 10 states and the District of Columbia to provide IT services, management solutions, and technical support to clients in 11 cabinet-level Departments and several independent agencies of the Federal Government. ACCESS' core competencies cover all areas of enterprise, technical, and programmatic support. ACCESS is certified by the Small Business Administration as an 8(a), small

disadvantaged, minority, woman-owned company. ACCESS has been externally appraised at Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) Maturity Level 2, and is an ISO 9001:2000 certified company. Visit ACCESS' website at <http://www.accsys-inc.com>.

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