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BISHOP APPLAUDS NEW \$25 MILLION CONTRACT FOR GREENPORT DEFENSE COMPANY

STIDD Systems Secures Bid to Develop Propulsion Device

Washington, DC - Congressman Tim Bishop congratulated Greenport-based defense contractor STIDD Systems, Inc, on winning a contract potentially worth \$25 million from the Department of Defense. Thanks to this and other recent contracts, STIDD will be nearly doubling the size of its Greenport facility from 33,000 to 62,000 square feet. Bishop has been a consistent supporter of STIDD, helping the company to develop its technology and secure this contract.

“Long Island has a proud tradition of providing the tools our military needs in times of war and peace,” Bishop said. “I am glad that STIDD was successful in securing this contract and will continue that proud tradition, while providing the most advanced tactical equipment for our maritime special operations forces. I am proud to play a role in helping to bring jobs to Eastern Long Island,” Bishop added. “I will continue to support STIDD and other local companies who are doing their part in the global war on terror.”

STIDD Systems, Inc. manufactures shock-mitigating marine seats and military submersibles. The contract requires STIDD Systems to build Diver Propulsion Devices (DPD) for the U.S. Marine Corps. The DPD, a high-tech lithium powered manned submersible, was designed and developed by STIDD Systems and is manufactured at its Greenport facility.

Walter Gezari, President and CEO of STIDD Systems made the announcement of this new contract on March 1.

“The DPD is the most advanced fully certified underwater mobility platform available today. It represents over three years of exhaustive safety, environmental, and operational testing by the military. We are proud to support this important Marine Corps program by providing the most advanced tactical equipment for America’s maritime special operations forces, while fostering job creation and economic growth on Long Island,” stated Walter Gezari, President & CEO of STIDD Systems, Inc.

In the 108th Congress, Bishop helped secure a \$2.4 million appropriation that funded the continuation of STIDD’s research and development of the propulsion device. The appropriation allowed them to complete development and present the propulsion system to the Department of Defense.

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