

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Department of Homeland Security approves Mentor-Protégé Agreement between Alion Science and Technology (Mentor) and Cole Engineering Services, Inc. (Protégé).**

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Under the terms of this agreement, Alion will provide a broad array of advice and assistance to Cole Engineering (CESI) under this DHS sponsored program. CESI, a Veteran Owned Small Business, will benefit from Mentor-provided advice and assistance in the areas such as Business Development, Administration, HR, Finance and Accounting, and Contracts. In turn, Alion as Mentor will benefit from CESI's existing business development contacts within DHS and DoD and from Small Business credits that will accrue with DHS as this M-P initiative is executed. The two companies are already collaborating on a host of opportunities within DHS and DoD. Cole Engineering is also a featured Small Business on Alion's SNIM team.

**What is Mentor Protégé?** A program designed to encourage large businesses to provide various forms of assistance to qualified small businesses.

**Who sponsors this program?** Most federal agencies; SBA, DoD, DHS, State, military departments, some state / local governments.

**What are the benefits?** *Protégés* benefit from assistance with technical, financial, business management, and business development support. *Mentors* benefit by receiving SB credit for the assistance they provide, along with technology transfer, and access to the capabilities and customers of their Protégés.

“We are honored to be Alion's first protégé and look forward to leveraging their growth experience as CESI build and delivers innovative solutions to DHS. CESI's EAGLE II team is looking forward to applying its qualifications in: Integration, Software Design/Development and Operations & Maintenance to help keep our homeland secure”, said Bryan Cole, CESI founder and president.

### **About CESI**

CESI was founded in response to the training needs of warriors who have made the commitment to serve and protect the United States of America and is headquartered in Orlando, FL. Their vision is to be an industry recognized premier provider of Live Virtual & Constructive Architectural & Engineering Services to the Federal Government with the majority of our business from repeat or referral customers. CESI's mission is to provide customers with a motivated, highly capable team of engineers that are committed to delivering excellent (open

source) solutions, on time and within budget. For more information, visit [www.coleengineering.com](http://www.coleengineering.com).

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