



## **NetStar-1 Acquires AVIEL to Create a Leading Information Technology and Program Management Solutions Firm**

*Addition of Complementary Services and New Agency Relationships to Accelerate Growth*

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**ROCKVILLE, MD / April 16, 2008 / Business Wire** /— NetStar-1, Inc., an information technology solutions provider to government and commercial clients, today announced that it has acquired AVIEL Systems, Inc. to augment its program management and information technology service offerings. Lake Capital, a private equity firm that invests exclusively in service-based companies, first invested in NetStar-1 in March 2007 and provided additional capital to fund this transaction.

AVIEL, through its operating subsidiaries, OPTIMUS Corporation and Performance Management Consulting, Inc., is a leading provider of management consulting and information technology services to the Federal government. AVIEL's management consulting capabilities are predominantly focused on information technology program management, business optimization and financial management. The company's information technology deliverables are grounded in network operations and desktop support, information assurance/security and systems design, implementation and integration.

The combined companies will offer enhanced technical capabilities for a wide range of clients in national security, transportation and defense, including the U.S. Departments of Homeland Security, Transportation, Labor and Agriculture, plus the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force. Non-federal customers include leaders in healthcare, retail, education and finance. Together, NetStar-1 and AVIEL will have more than 750 highly skilled employees, annual revenue of nearly \$175 million, and access to additional capital to support continued organic and acquisition growth initiatives through the partnership with Lake Capital.

“The addition of AVIEL's deep program management and information technology deliverables enables NetStar-1 to continue to expand its capabilities and to provide enhanced services to existing and prospective customers,” said Bill Strang, president and chief executive officer of NetStar-1. “Driven by its client-focused approach and strong technical expertise, AVIEL enables NetStar-1 to continue its momentum in building a leading value-added provider of information technology and program management services with the broad capabilities and deep sector expertise that are critical to the combined company's clients.”

“This is an exciting time for our clients and our team,” added Dick Bodson, chief operating officer of AVIEL. “The combination of NetStar-1 and AVIEL creates a powerful force in the government contracting industry and enables us to continue to provide premier deliverables to our customers, while presenting numerous cross-selling opportunities given NetStar-1's and AVIEL's complementary service offerings. In addition, the technical resources of the combined company will offer excellent career development and enhancement opportunities to our employees.”

**About AVIEL**

Headquartered in McLean, VA, AVIEL Systems, Inc. is a provider of management consulting and information technology services to the Federal government. The company provides management consulting services, including information technology program management, business optimization and financial management, as well as information technology deliverables such as network operations and desktop support, information assurance and security and systems design, implementation and integration. For more information on AVIEL, visit [www.avielinc.com](http://www.avielinc.com).

**About NetStar-1**

Headquartered in Rockville, MD, NetStar-1, Inc. is a leading professional services company specializing in providing information technology solutions to government and commercial clients. The company provides consulting, design and implementation services in four key areas: network infrastructure, applications development, security, and server/storage technologies. For more information on NetStar-1, visit [www.netstar-1.com](http://www.netstar-1.com).

**About Lake Capital**

Lake Capital is a private equity firm that focuses on investments in service-based enterprises across various industries. The firm is currently managing more than \$1.3 billion in equity commitments and seeks to build leading services companies through organic and acquisition-enhanced growth. More information about Lake Capital is available at [www.lakecapital.com](http://www.lakecapital.com).

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