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Stauder Technologies in St. Peters, MO received a not-to-exceed \$15 million ceiling modification, with undefinitized contract line items, under previously awarded contract M67854-07-

C-2062, for the Urgent Universal Need Statement of 448 complete Target Location, Designation and Hand-off Systems (TLDHS). Work will be performed in St. Peters, MO, and is expected to be complete by April 2008. The Marine Corps Systems Command in Quantico, VA issued the contract.

Portable TLDHS systems are used by forward observers; **Stauder's StrikeLink software** is part of TLDHS, and is compatible with a number of targeting systems. StrikeLink determines the operator's exact location and their designated target's location, then uses secure digital transmission to send all this information to nearby artillery, aircraft, et. al. for prompt action. This approach seems simple, but it represents a significant step forward because it provides instant targeting data without transcription time or transcription errors. The software was **6 years in development**, and the Marine Corps Systems Command finalized their decision to field it on June 1, 2006.



Excalibur 155mm
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TDLHS will be used as the targeting device for BAE Bofors' new GPS-guided **XM982 Excalibur shell**, which has been **late to field** owing to glitches but recently **completed final testing**. Excalibur shells will be fired from the **lightweight M777A2 155mm howitzer**, and will be fielded in Q3 2007.

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