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**Ridgetop Receives Microelectronics R&D Contract From Missile Defense Agency**

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Ridgetop Group, Inc, a fast-growing Tucson, AZ area firm reported today that it had received a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) award from the Missile Defense Agency (MDA), Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, NM.

The contract involves a novel method to increase the conversion rate, accuracy and radiation-tolerance of high speed analog to digital converters (ADCs) supporting sensitive sensor arrays used on missiles and other systems. Ridgetop will apply its expertise to create a high performance, yet low-power configuration. The firm reported that it has received a number of contracts from several agencies, including NASA, Air Force and the Department of Energy, involving components for critical space-based and other radiation-hardened applications.

Ridgetop recently relocated to larger facilities in Marana, AZ, where it maintains a state-of-the-art development laboratory staffed by experienced design engineers. According to Andrew Levy, Division Director, “We are very pleased to receive this contract from MDA. Over the years, we have built a wide range of mixed signal components for harsh environments and this new component will find its place in our library of solutions for both military and commercial applications.”

**About Ridgetop Group, Inc.**

Ridgetop was founded in 2000, and has acquired a reputation as an innovative provider of electronic designs and system solutions for critical systems used in harsh environments. Key markets include aerospace, automotive and medical. The firm maintains two divisions, including Semiconductor and Precision Instruments, and Advanced Prognostic Systems and has customers in the USA, Europe and Asia. Ridgetop is certified as a 1 A Trusted Supplier under a special program established by the Defense Microelectronics Agency (DMEA).

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