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OSI and Raytheon team up for soldier modernization work

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OSI Geospatial Inc. ([TSX:OSI](#)) is seeing some of the early fruits of its new focus on targeting the U.S. military's future warrior program, with the announcement of a partnership with Raytheon Co.

Ottawa-based OSI said its U.S. Systems Operations division has inked a teaming agreement with Raytheon ([NYSE:RTN](#)) that will see the former providing its Dismounted Close Combat, Command and Control System technology to Raytheon for the latter's work with the soldier modernization market.

OSI noted that Raytheon has already been chosen as one of three companies that will develop prototype systems for the first phase of the U.S. Army's \$1.5-billion Ground Soldier Ensemble program.

"We are pleased to be working closely with Raytheon in the development of this significant market opportunity. We are confident that Raytheon is well-positioned to be a major presence in this market," said OSI chief executive Ken Kirkpatrick in a statement. "This partnership is a valuable endorsement of our technology and expertise."

The local company recently told *OBJ* that it has been [tailoring its navigation and control technology](#) for the U.S. market.

Militaries around the world have been ramping up their soldier modernization programs, which use next-generation technology to reduce casualties, increase the speed and efficiency of operations and raise situational awareness.



Ken Kirkpatrick of OSI Geospatial. (Photo by Darren Brown, OBJ)

