

U.S. Army to receive three earth stations

The U.S. Army will soon be taking delivery of three new rapid deployment transportable earth stations manufactured by Alascom for use in military field communications in Alaska.

The stations represent a rapid new method of establishing satellite communications in the field.

"What we have is a total communication system which can be fully operational in less than 30 minutes after being delivered by vehicle, fixed-wing aircraft or helicopter," said Glenn Mushett, Alascom's senior account representative for government services.

The need for a rapidly deployed communication system goes back several years to when the Army, faced with communications barriers due to distance, terrain and weather conditions, determined that it needed a completely portable satellite communications system which could be delivered quickly to remote sites and be set up in a matter of minutes.