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Ortega InfoSystems software chosen to manage security system for Pasadena Independent School District

One of the largest IP-camera installations in the country for K-12

Fremont CA, August 15, 2005 – Ortega InfoSystems IP-Video management software has been selected to control the security system for Pasadena Independent School District, one of the largest school districts in Texas with 55 campuses and over 40,000 students. The school district features one of the largest IP-based camera systems in the country for a K-12 installation with over 1000 cameras deployed district-wide throughout its 31 elementary school campuses. Each camera is interconnected over the District's network, with video data recorded centrally using real-time network storage.

Ortega worked closely with the system integrator Convergent Technologies (Schaumburg, IL) to provide the District and the Pasadena Police Department with a Web-based graphical representation (GUI) of the networked cameras, allowing security personnel to access and control the camera network efficiently.

Pasadena ISD and Convergent chose Ortega InfoSystems to control this mission critical system due to Ortega's extensive range of critical security management features, including:

- Electronic mapping and navigation for easy search of camera and alarm point location.
- Complete video management, including live recording with immediate playback for security personnel. This allows them to quickly verify the validity of each alarm.
- On-screen PTZ control for quick and easy camera control.
- An integrated alarm & event management that provides security operators a single source of alarm information, thereby shortening response time.
- A secure user authentication system that allows the Administrator to define different levels of user and group permissions, controlling user access and control of maps, cameras, and events.

As part of the system, Ortega's GUI-based software manages a range of 3rd-party subsystems, including

- Over 30 Salient DVRs
- Approximately 1,000 Sony, Axis, and Vandal Dome cameras
- Sur-Gard intrusion alarm central station receiver

This system is expected to be completed Summer, 2005.

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