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TVI Corporation Receives Follow-on Order from the Puerto Rico Department of Health

Order Consists of Bio-Isolation Shelter Systems and Decontamination Systems

GLENN DALE, MD – May 15, 2006 – TVI Corporation (NASDAQ: TVIN), a global supplier of rapidly deployable first receiver and first responder systems for homeland security, hospitals, the military, police and fire departments, and public health agencies, today announced it has received an order from the Puerto Rico Department of Health (PRDOH) for bio-isolation shelter systems, decontamination systems and accessories valued at greater than \$400,000. This order was placed through Fisher Scientific, one of the largest distributors of TVI products.

TVI's Mass Casualty Decontamination Systems feature a large patented external articulating frame and contain accessories that quickly remove hazardous materials from patients. Its rapidly deployable Bio-Isolation Shelter Systems create a negative pressure isolation room that can be placed in an ICU or stand alone. Both systems provide the necessary barrier to protect first receivers and first responders when treating people exposed to toxic, chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear materials, or who are at risk due to terrorist events or weapons of mass destruction.

“The government of Puerto Rico has taken a proactive role in ensuring that their first receivers are prepared for all levels of response through the procurement of the latest technology and highest quality equipment,” said TVI Corporation Chief Executive Officer Richard V. Priddy. “Through PRDOH, TVI has been supplying a broad range of its bio-isolation, decontamination, and casualty management systems to hospitals and clinics throughout the island since 2004. This follow-on order represents part of a continual initiative by PRDOH to properly equip and train its first receivers, as they prepare the island for a bio-terrorism incident or disaster situation.”

“PRDOH’s decision to standardize on TVI’s platform will promote compatibility across all of the island’s first responders, hospitals and medical facilities,” continued Priddy. “This compatibility can be crucial in the event of a natural disaster, disease outbreak or a terrorist attack because it facilitates patient transfer and reduces treatment downtime. With the increasing potential for a pandemic virus such as the avian flu, TVI’s expansive line of decontamination, surge capacity and infection control products is gaining interest both domestically and abroad.”

About TVI Corporation

TVI Corporation, located in Glenn Dale, Maryland, is a global supplier of rapidly deployable first receiver and first responder systems for homeland security, hospitals, the military, police and fire departments, and public health agencies. The Company designs, fabricates and markets products and systems both through distributors and directly to end-users and OEMs. These systems include chemical and biological decontamination systems, infection control systems, and powered air respirator systems for individuals. The Company’s core systems are fabric shelter structures, which employ the Company’s proprietary articulating frame. The Company also sells a line of thermal products, which includes targets, IFF (Identification Friend or Foe) devices, beacons and markers, and decoys.

During the past several years, TVI’s product line has expanded to include Chem/Bio Isolation systems for hospitals and first responders, trailerized first responder products, crime scene investigation systems for police, and mobile hospitals. TVI’s products, and others of their kind, represent integral components of a standard decontamination process.

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