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**GOVERNMENT SOFTWARE CONTRACTOR
TO EXPAND ITS FACILITY IN BRIDGEPORT**

Governor joins Platinum Solutions officials to announce growth plans

BRIDGEPORT, W.Va. – Gov. Joe Manchin and Laila Rossi, CEO of Platinum Solutions, today announced that the Reston, Va., software development company and defense contractor is expanding its operations in Bridgeport. The company plans to hire at least 80 people by July 2009, with additional expansion possible in the next five years, to help it meet the requirements for a recently awarded federal agency contract.

“This is great news for West Virginia as we continue to diversify our economy with technology-sector jobs and employers, particularly in this part of the state,” said Gov. Manchin. “Platinum Solutions is a top-notch government contractor that has been recognized for its innovation and quality. We’re proud to have them in Bridgeport and I know that they are excited about expanding in the Mountain State and about the success they’ve already had with this location.”

Platinum Solutions develops custom software for private businesses and government agencies, with specialization in law enforcement, health care, intelligence, defense and national security. The company’s software helps to decipher and monitor terrorist communications and arrest violent criminals, as well as improve the prescription drug review and approval process. In 2006, Inc. Magazine ranked the company the 61st-fastest-growing private company in the United States.

Rossi said, “We are dedicated to building our presence in West Virginia, and we are proud to be able to provide high tech jobs and growth to the local community. We have found an incredible pool of talent in West Virginia which will help us advance our mission of developing software which saves lives and makes our country a safer place.”

The positions they are seeking will include software developers, engineers, system administrators, computer analysts and information technology project managers. Rossi said most jobs will pay between \$30,000 and \$150,000 and will include a full benefits package. They hope to start hiring immediately.

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Platinum Solutions currently employs 20 at its Bridgeport facility. The company located in Harrison County in December 2008. For information about how to apply for a job at Platinum Solutions, visit www.platinumsolutions.com or call 304-623-7333.

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