



Thomson Prometric Successfully Executes Electronic Delivery of the United States Marshals Service Exam

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-- More Than 1,700 US Marshals Participated From Across the Country --

BALTIMORE, May 2, 2005 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Thomson Prometric, the global leader in technology-enabled testing and assessment services, and part of The Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC), today announced its successful delivery of the United States Marshals Service (USMS) exam to more than 1700 USMS Deputy Marshals nationwide, including Guam, in one day.

The exam tests the Deputy Marshals' knowledge of current laws and regulations, and is used by the USMS to evaluate staff promotions.

Because U.S. Deputy Marshals are deployed across the country, the Thomson Prometric test center network allowed for the convenience and flexibility of scheduling their exam at a center local to their current assignment. As a result of the computer-based delivery through Thomson Prometric, the USMS was able to improve the accessibility of its merit promotion exam for its Deputies, and test them in a highly secure, consistent environment, while cutting down on travel costs. Overall, the USMS candidates rated their Thomson Prometric testing experience as highly positive.

Thomson Prometric converted the USMS traditional paper and pencil exam to a computerized format and delivered the exam through the Thomson Prometric Testing Center network to 98 percent of all USMS candidates in a one day testing window, and offered a three-week make-up period for the remaining two percent. Additionally, Thomson Prometric created a customized, online demo for USMS candidates to familiarize themselves with the new, computer-based format.

"We are very pleased that our experience in technology-enabled knowledge assessment has allowed for the successful conversion and delivery of the United States Marshals Service promotion exam. This marks a significant advancement in testing for the U.S. Government," said Alison Indrisano, Thomson Prometric senior vice president and chief operations officer. "We look forward to furthering this advancement as we continue providing our comprehensive knowledge assessment services to the government marketplace."

About The Thomson Corporation and Thomson Prometric

The Thomson Corporation (<http://www.thomson.com/>), with 2004 revenues from continuing operations of \$8.10 billion, is a global leader in providing integrated information solutions to business and professional customers. With operational headquarters in Stamford, Conn., Thomson (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC) has approximately 38,000 employees and provides services in approximately 130 countries.

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