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CTC's Simulated Prison Environment Crisis Aversion Tools (SPECAT) Computer-Based Training Earns the IACTP's 2006 Award of Excellence

Johnstown, PA, November 20, 2006—Daniel R. DeVos, President & CEO of Concurrent Technologies Corporation (*CTC*), today announced that *CTC* has received the 2006 Award of Excellence in Correctional Training from the International Association of Correctional Training Personnel (IACTP) for *CTC*'s Simulated Prison Environment Crisis Aversion Tools (SPECAT) computer-based training (CBT) courses. *CTC* developed SPECAT under a U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant. *CTC*'s SPECAT CBT earned the Commercial Program Award, given for high-quality training offered by a commercial vendor.

The SPECAT CBT provides video-enhanced interactive training courses that enable Department of Corrections (DOC) employees to strengthen crisis management and decision-making skills in a controlled environment while reinforcing policies and procedures that are unique to the DOC. It trains employees through simulated events that portray real-world scenarios. To date, 10 SPECAT CBT courses have been developed on a variety of topics, which are being used in Alabama (ADOC), North Carolina (NC DOC), and Pennsylvania (PA DOC).

"*CTC* has been the prime contractor to the DOJ SPECAT Program since its inception in 2002. We are pleased to have been recognized by the IACTP Awards of Excellence Program and for receiving the Commercial Program Award for our high-quality training," said DeVos. "The DOJ recently awarded *CTC* an additional \$3 million to continue the development of a Corrections Learning Environment (CLE) that will provide virtual training simulations for correction departments nationwide."

IACTP is an international professional association of trainers, training administrators, and educators representing all aspects of the field of corrections. The IACTP Awards of Excellence Program identifies and celebrates the accomplishments of outstanding individuals and programs in the field of criminal justice training. Any IACTP member may apply for an award or nominate another member, agency, or private-sector company. *CTC* was nominated by the PA DOC Training Academy, which noted that feedback gathered through annual training audits within the department, as well as evaluations conducted by *CTC*, have continued to support and encourage the use of advanced technology training systems to enhance current curriculum, and favors the interactive SPECAT CBT courses versus traditional instructor-led training. *CTC* accepted the Commercial Program Award for the SPECAT CBT at the 22nd Annual IACTP Conference, which was held October 29 through November 1 in Atlanta, Georgia.

CTC delivers reliable learning solutions that are mapped to an organization's vision, culture, and structure, and technology capabilities, working collaboratively with subject matter experts, instructors, and learners to identify the right technology to achieve precise learning objectives. *CTC*'s educational technologies capabilities include distributed learning solutions, collaborative environments and multiplayer gaming technologies, decision-support technologies, curriculum review and development, content creation, and learning management system evaluation and integration.

CTC is an independent, nonprofit, applied research and development professional services organization providing innovative management and technology-based solutions to a wide array of clients representing state and federal government as well as the private sector. Established in 1988, *CTC* operates from more than 35 locations with a staff of over 1,500 employees. For more information about *CTC*, visit www.ctc.com.

For more information about *CTC*'s educational technologies, please contact Dr. Linda Monzo, General Manager, Global Systems.

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Linda Rubin, IACTP Awards Chair; Joy Schrifft, CTC's SPECAT CBT Lead; Donald Craig, CTC's Director, Collaborative Learning Systems; and Kathy Mickle-Askin, IACTP President at the 22nd Annual IACTP Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

