When the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), a component of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), needed to deploy walk-through metal detectors (WTMDs) for the 104th Rose Bowl Game, held on Jan. 1, 2018, in Pasadena, California, the Leidos team stepped in to help.

Beefing up security for the large, high-profile sporting event came with several challenges, including the number of visitors that were expected to attend and a limited set-up time for installing security systems in an outdoor space. In addition, the project included managing shipments, delivery, installation and testing to make WTMDs in storage in Texas available and functional for the event in California.

But since July 2015, under the Transportation Security Equipment Deployment Services (TEDS) contract, Leidos has been managing all TSA deployments of security capabilities in the Western and Eastern Regions of the United States, so the team was well-equipped to take on such a large and challenging project.

As part of the work that is delivered under the TEDS contract, Leidos performs all tasks associated with the deployment of security technology equipment — such as checkpoint technologies for screening passengers, and carry-on and checked baggage — at airports and other locations for special events as requested by DHS.

Although taking on the Rose Bowl project had its challenges, it was one the Leidos team knew it could deliver to ensure the security and safety of all those that attended.
SUPPORTING 2018 ROSE BOWL SECURITY

The Leidos TEDS team completed a successful deployment of 22 WTMDs to support security screening operations at the 2018 Rose Bowl event. These WTMDs were provided by TSA to the Rose Bowl Stadium as supplementary security equipment, which was required due to the large crowds that were expected and with nearly 93,000 people attending, they were a vital tool in ensuring a safe and secure environment for everyone.

In order to deliver that safe environment, Leidos had to ship the units from TSA's Logistics Center in Texas, manage local delivery to the stadium, install the units in an outdoor environment, test and ensure functionality, and provide on-site tech support throughout the event.

Once the event ended, Leidos also took care of the de-installation, packaging and shipping back to the TSA warehouse in Texas, which had to be managed as speedily as possible to limit disruption to the community living close to the Rose Bowl Stadium.

SECURITY AT OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

Under TEDS and its predecessor contract, Leidos has supported a handful of special events similar to the Rose Bowl each year. Previously, Leidos has provided security support for the 45th Presidential Inauguration, Pope Francis’ visit to the United States, and Special Olympics events, among others.

For the Inauguration, Leidos successfully deployed 60 WTMDs at five locations around the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. and provided technical support throughout the Inauguration Day. The extremely high-profile, outdoor event came with unique challenges including the threat of precipitation, minimal set-up time, and coordination of street closures. Leidos collaborated planning with numerous stakeholders including TSA, U.S. Secret Service, and WTMD original equipment manufacturer representatives to ensure the safety of those attending.

“THANK YOU. I appreciate your time and dedication to this initiative.”

– TSA’s East Region Branch Manager in reference to Leidos’ outstanding support and teamwork with numerous stakeholders, including TSA, the Secret Service and WTMD manufacturers for the 45th Presidential Inauguration.

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