

ECC International Corp. and Connect Tech – A Success Story



There are few careers that don't benefit from on-the-job training programs. When you're a soldier preparing for the battlefield, however, comprehensive training becomes especially significant. In a potential life-or-death scenario, it's imperative to be well-prepared.

With this in mind, Florida-based ECC International Corp. designs and develops the next best thing to being there: simulators and related training for the U.S. Department of Defense and 25 other countries.

Connect Tech recently allied with ECC to provide multi-port serial adapters for the Engagement Skills Trainer (EST 2000). The simulated training system is an effective addition to traditional training methods, designed to ensure that the necessary skills are firmly ingrained before a soldier engages in combat.

Connect Tech's [Blue Heat/PCI](#) board provides the rugged means of relaying data between the operator station PC and the weapons box. The system comprises an operator station, projector, detection system, air compressor, screen, and cabling to connect to lane position weapon boxes. The successful and reliable integration of these components is crucial to the EST 2000's operations.

Jeff Gibson, Lead Engineer on the EST 2000 project, says part of the challenge of producing the EST was the frustration of working with a volatile marketplace, as products initially integrated into the design became obsolete within the year the project was in development. Connect Tech proved the exception.

Configuration control is an important component of Connect Tech's design methodology, viewed as a necessary tool to provide successful partnerships with companies like ECC. Because of this strictly controlled process, Connect Tech can guarantee support throughout the entire lifespan of the EST 2000, a fact appreciated by engineers like Mr. Gibson.

"It's not just an average-class product," Mr. Gibson says of the decision to use Connect Tech's connectivity solution. "Customer support is definitely what sets Connect Tech apart."

More than 1,100 EST 2000 systems are scheduled for delivery to units throughout the U.S., Europe and Korea.

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About Connect Tech:

Founded in 1985, Connect Tech Inc. is a leading manufacturer of standard and intelligent multi-port serial adapters. Connect Tech has developed a reputation for manufacturing high quality, high performance communication adapters, offering ideal solutions for multi-user, multi-channel data collection, distribution, and processing applications, such as office automation, factory automation, point of sale, and scientific instrumentation.



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