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### **Curtiss-Wright Completes Common Criteria Cryptographic / Cybersecurity Testing for PacStar 400-Series Servers with Cisco ASA 9.12**

*Certification of new version of Cisco's traffic filtering firewall and VPN gateway software for Pacstar 451/453/455 further extends PacStar leadership in Tactical Networking and Classified Wireless*

**ASHBURN, Va. – August 24, 2021 – [Curtiss-Wright's Defense Solutions division](#)** today announced that its [PacStar](#)<sup>®</sup> business, a leading developer and supplier of advanced communications solutions for the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), has completed cryptographic/cybersecurity testing in accordance to the Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme (CCEVS) for its [PacStar 451](#), [PacStar 453](#) and [PacStar 455](#) rugged, small form factor servers with Cisco Adaptive Security Virtual Appliance (ASA 9.12). The successful completion of Common Criteria certification for the PacStar 451/453/455 with Cisco ASA 9.12 updates PacStar's existing certification with Cisco ASA, extending the servers' full firewall functionality for use in classified networking solutions and enabling customers to obtain or renew an

Authorization to Operate (ATO). The combination of these PacStar 400-Series servers with Cisco ASA v delivers a range of rugged, small form-factor networking appliances for use as a traffic filtering firewall and VPN gateway. These solutions are optimal for a wide variety of tactical and expeditionary use cases that require network protection and encryption of data-in-transit – including use in classified networks protected by commercial solutions.

“As high-speed wireless networks proliferate at the tactical edge of the battlefield, providing network security becomes increasingly critical,” said Chris Wiltsey, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Curtiss-Wright Defense Solutions division. “PacStar and Cisco technologies are widely deployed solutions that together deliver the Common Criteria certified firewall and VPN gateway cybersecurity our customers demand.”

“With the completion of Common Criteria testing for our PacStar 451/453/455 server modules with ASA v 9.12, we further extend our ability to support customers seeking solutions to bring cost-effective, commercial encryption to the battlefield,” said Peggy Miller, Senior General Manager, PacStar Business Unit, Curtiss-Wright Defense Solutions division. “This achievement reflects our ongoing commitment to deliver industry leading CSfC solutions to our customers.”

### **Powering CSfC Networking Solutions**

PacStar 451/453/455 servers with Cisco ASA v power PacStar’s family of commercial classified networking solutions, including [PacStar Secure Wireless Command Post \(SWCP\)](#). The PacStar SWCP, an expeditionary communications solution that provides two layers of encryption using commercial technologies, is deployed today for transmitting classified information over wireless networks.

### **About the PacStar 451**

PacStar 451 Small Server Module is a high performance virtualization platform in a compact, quick setup, rugged form factor. It provides a high-performance, virtualized appliance for hosting multiple software applications in a compact, quick setup, rugged form factor.

### **About the PacStar 453**

PacStar 453 NVIDIA GPU Enhanced Server provides a high-performance virtualization and compute platform for hosting intensive applications such as graphics, video processing and artificial intelligence in a compact, quick setup, rugged form factor.

### **About the PacStar 455**

PacStar 455 Tactical Hyper-Convergence Module provides a high-performance cloud, virtualization and storage platform for forward deploying applications or providing network attached storage in a compact, quick setup, rugged form factor.

Curtiss-Wright's PacStar business offers a wide array of system packaging options for PacStar 400-Series, including briefcase, transit case, rack mount, vehicle mount, and backpack transport.

PacStar 451/453/455 with Cisco ASA 9.12 are eligible for use as a Traffic Filter Firewall (TFFW) and VPN Gateway components in a CSfC solution. More information can be found at [www.nsa.gov](http://www.nsa.gov).

Details of the Common Criteria evaluation can be found [here](#). For more information about PacStar, visit [our site](#).

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Curtiss-Wright's PacStar products are manufactured in its facility in Portland, Oregon.

### **About PacStar's Family of Leading Battlefield Solutions**

PacStar's industry-leading family of advanced communications solutions addresses a wide range of military, intelligence and commercial applications. PacStar creates and manufactures COTS-based rugged, small form factor expeditionary and mobile communications systems. Separately, it developed integrated, network communications management software, IQ-Core® Software, for the military, federal, state/local government and emergency responder markets. The company's patented IQ-Core Software, hardware technology, and integrated solutions provide secure, command, control and communications systems, particularly in remote or infrastructure starved areas. In addition, PacStar's communications systems are ideally suited for commercial/industrial organizations with mission-critical field communications requirements. For additional information, please visit <https://pacstar.com>, [LinkedIn](#), and Twitter [@pacstarcomm](#).

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