

## **OptTek Systems, Inc. Receives Contract Award To Develop and Test Implementation Software For Confidentiality Protection**

Boulder, CO, October 24, 2002 –OptTek Systems, Inc., was awarded a contract by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). The objective of this contract is to investigate properties of multi-dimensional statistical tables relevant to solving confidentiality protection and data editing problems completely and efficiently, and to develop and test implementation software. The contract is scheduled to be accomplished over a two-year period and managed within OptTek’s services line of business.

The CDC collects and organizes large quantities of data that contain information vital to our nation’s health and welfare. While this information is significant and important to publish, it often contains sensitive material whose sources must be protected through disclosure limitation.

“This new software will be made available to the NCHS Research Data Center and data divisions as a tool for evaluating their disclosure limitation procedures and for their consideration for future use. NCHS will use the software as a test bed for further research in these and related areas. The resulting research and methods will be presented in published papers and software documentation,” said Dr. James Kelly, OptTek’s CEO.

This is the third contract of its type to be awarded to OptTek over the last 12-month period. The work makes use of OptTek’s internationally recognized expertise in optimization methods.

### **About OptTek Systems, Inc.**

OptTek Systems, Inc. is a Boulder, CO based optimization software and services firm. From its inception in 1992, OptTek has become the leading provider of optimization software to simulation companies and employs state-of-the-art techniques based on many years of research in the area of optimization, in which OptTek’s founders are internationally recognized leaders. OptTek specializes in developing and customizing its software to enable solutions for business problems characterized by significant uncertainty and complexity. OptTek’s software is used by hundreds of firms including Fortune 500 companies for diverse applications including portfolio optimization, customer relationship management, financial and strategic planning, logistics and transportation, and telecommunications. OptTek’s website is [www.OptTek.com](http://www.OptTek.com).

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