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**Press Release:**

**Bittium and Esri Join PSTA as Platinum Members**

FREMONT, CA, January 22, 2019: The Public Safety Technology Alliance (PSTA) is pleased to announce the addition of Bittium, a provider of secure communications solutions, and Esri, the global market leader in GIS, as Platinum members of the organization.

“We recognize that the adoption and implementation of open standards is paramount for public safety, given first responders’ daily need to communicate with other local, state, and federal agencies,” notes Jani Lyrintzis, Bittium Vice President and General Manager. “By joining the PSTA, Bittium will work with member companies and public safety agencies to provide technical insights to help achieve this overarching goal.”

Mike King, Esri Global Public Safety Manager, said, “We look forward to participating in this much needed forum for both public safety and industry to come together to provide expertise in establishing timely and effective paths forward to achieve standardized interoperability among systems that will optimize all public safety operations.”

The PSTA encourages and is actively seeking public safety, industry, government and academia participation on the PSTA’s technical subcommittees. Currently, the organization is focused on the following six technical priorities:

1. Situational Awareness Solutions (SAS)
2. Identity
3. Mission Critical Push to X – (Talk, Video, Data) and 3GPP standards
4. Cybersecurity
5. Mapping
6. LMR interoperability to LTE

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“We are pleased to have both Bittium and Esri as members of the PSTA,” added TJ Kennedy, PSTA CEO. “Both companies are supporting public safety agencies in their industries and we look forward to their insightful contributions to PSTA’s technical subcommittee work,” he concluded.

**About PSTA**

The Public Safety Technology Alliance (PSTA), comprised of telecommunications industry, public safety, and technology leaders, is a nonprofit coalition with a mission of adopting open, best-in-class, standards-based technology for the public safety user community. As broadband and narrowband networks evolve to meet the demands of first responders, so too must the standards evolve to ensure interoperability between and among the various networks, applications and databases upon which public safety users rely. For more information visit [www.pstalliance.org](http://www.pstalliance.org).

**About Bittium**

Bittium specializes in the development of reliable, secure communications and connectivity solutions leveraging its expertise in advanced radio communication technologies. Bittium provides innovative products and services, customized solutions based on its product platforms and R&D services. Complementing its communications and connectivity solutions, Bittium offers proven information security solutions for mobile devices and portable computers. Bittium also provides healthcare technology products and services for biosignal measuring in the areas of cardiology, neurology, rehabilitation, occupational health and sports medicine. Net sales in 2017 were EUR 51.6 million. Bittium is listed on Nasdaq Helsinki. For more information visit [www.bittium.com](http://www.bittium.com)

**About Esri**

Esri is the global market leader in GIS, committed to serving its users and customers by seeking a deep understanding of their challenges and opportunities, and working together toward viable solutions. Esri builds ArcGIS, a powerful mapping and spatial analytics software to deliver location intelligence and meet digital transformation needs for organizations of all sizes. For more information visit [www.esri.com](http://www.esri.com).

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