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## GTL hires former State of Missouri Department of Corrections Inspector General

January 26, 2015 – Reston, Virginia – Global Tel\*Link (GTL), the leading provider of integrated correctional technology solutions, announces that it has hired Chris Pickering as its new Intelligence Tools Team Lead. Pickering, who has over 25 years of law enforcement experience, comes to GTL after serving as the State of Missouri Homeland Security Coordinator for three years. Prior to that, Mr. Pickering served as Inspector General of the State of Missouri Department of Corrections, as well as the Chief Investigator of the Public Safety Division of the State of Missouri Office of the Attorney General.

In his new position at GTL, Mr. Pickering will assist GTL's customers in implementing GTL's industry leading intelligence tools, including GTL Data IQ, paving the way for mining, and visualizing, large amounts of raw data resulting in actionable intelligence saving investigators countless man-hours over traditional investigative methods. Mr. Pickering will help to ensure that all intelligence applications are developed and implemented using each customer's specific data to bring the greatest value to investigators in their mission to ensure the safety and security of facilities.

"We at GTL are thrilled to have Chris Pickering join our company in the role of Intelligence Tools Team Lead. We know that his experience in law enforcement, public safety and corrections uniquely qualifies him to best understand our customers' needs and how to ensure that our products serve them," said Mitch Volkart, Product Manager of Intelligence Tools at GTL. "Chris has worked in this sphere for over 25 years, right alongside many of our customers, and the wealth of knowledge and understanding he has gained will allow him to assist facilities to proactively gather actionable intelligence."

In addition to his other roles in Missouri, Mr. Pickering has served as an executive board member of the Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center (MOCIC), a RISS federal secure law enforcement data sharing and communications center. The RISS program helps law enforcement agencies to successfully resolve criminal investigations and prosecute offenders, while providing the critical officer safety event deconfliction necessary to keep the law enforcement community safe.

"GTL is committed to being the most effective intelligence partner in the industry," said Chris Moore, Vice President of Product Management at GTL. "To do so, we seek out individuals who represent the finest in the law enforcement field for customer support roles whenever possible. With their prior law enforcement experience, they have the ability to relate to investigators and administrators directly in their field of expertise rather than as an adjunct product add-on, as is the case with other vendors in the industry. This is the partnership, and value, GTL is committed to bringing its customers."

For more information about GTL, please visit www.GTL.net.

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