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**GOVERNMENT LANGUAGE SERVICES NEEDED IN THE WAR ON TERROR:  
STATE, DOD AND FBI OFFICIALS SPOTLIGHT FOREIGN LANGUAGE CONTRACTING  
DEMANDS, PRIORITIES AND NEEDS IN POST 9-11 ENVIRONMENT**

WASHINGTON, DC, May 27, 2004 – For the first time, a panel of officials from the State Department, Pentagon and FBI will be present at the annual ALC (Association of Language Companies) Annual Conference in Washington DC on Thursday, June 10 to discuss the federal government’s urgent need for foreign language contract services in numerous languages to support the worldwide war on terror. The explosive demand for translators, interpreters, and other language specialists in dozens of languages across all federal agencies has created unique opportunities for language service companies to play a crucial role in intelligence, diplomacy, law-enforcement and military affairs.

*“Language services are at a premium in the current national security environment, and language service companies stand ready to fill this critical shortfall,”* said Bob McLean, Executive Director of the Association of Language Companies. The lack of skilled translators and interpreters has been cited as the *“most pressing need of the intelligence community”* by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

This high-profile panel will provide a unique opportunity for language service companies to learn the intricacies of federal government contracting from the principal decision-makers in the diplomatic, law-enforcement and military communities.

The Association of Language Companies (ALC) is a trade organization representing the interests of language companies in the United States. For more information about the annual conference, visit the ALC’s website at [www.alcus.org](http://www.alcus.org), and click on “Events,” or call 800-338-4155.