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TCS Gains Momentum as a Leading Wireless E9-1-1 Services Provider for Carriers throughout United States

Industry's Most Proven E9-1-1 Services Provider Handles Approximately 150,000 Life Saving Calls Daily; Supports Over 100 Million U.S. Wireless Subscribers

ANNAPOLIS, MD – February 5, 2009 – TeleCommunication Systems, Inc. (TCS) (NasdaqGM: TSYS), a leading provider of mission-critical wireless communications, today announced the company signed in 2008 multiple long-term agreements with wireless carriers throughout the United States for its Enhanced 9-1-1 solutions (E9-1-1). TCS now provides Hosted Mobile Positioning Center (MPC) and Hosted Position Determining Entity (HPDE) capabilities for E9-1-1 customers including regional wireless providers Bluegrass Cellular, Flat Wireless, NTCH-ClearTalk-Colorado and nationwide wireless provider Cricket Communications.

TCS has offered its integrated MPC and HPDE solution longer than any other E9-1-1 vendor in the industry. Further, TCS has the only E9-1-1 TL9000 certified Network Operations Center (NOC), emphasizing its commitment to customer satisfaction, continuous improvement and performance accountability. Today, TCS provides E9-1-1 service to more than 100 million subscribers in the United States for more than 35 wireless carriers and handles more than 150,000 life saving calls daily.

"We are committed to helping wireless carriers meet their obligations for wireless E9-1-1 while providing accurate and reliable emergency services that wireless consumers expect," said Dan Allen, Senior Vice President, Service Bureau for TCS. "In 2008, we expanded our E9-1-1 footprint throughout the country. This is based on our ability to provide the most advanced technologies available on the market today as well as a past performance track record that is second to none."

TCS' E9-1-1 solution enables wireless operators to comply with Phase I and Phase II of the FCC's Wireless E9-1-1 mandate, while providing the life-saving emergency services and security that wireless consumers expect. Using the efficient, open architecture of TCS' award-winning Xypoint® Location Platform, TCS enables wireless operators to properly route wireless E9-1-1 calls to over 6500 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) across the nation and then delivers the wireless E9-1-1 call location information to the appropriate PSAP. In addition to its proprietary technology platform, TCS provides operators with end-to-end support for all aspects of deployment, including switch integration, database management, Geographic Information Services (GIS), E9-1-1 compliance expertise, support services to PSAPs and cost-recovery assistance.

For more information on TCS' public safety solutions visit:

http://www1.telecomsys.com/public_safety/index.cfm

About TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.

TeleCommunication Systems, Inc. (TCS) (NasdaqGM: TSYS) produces wireless data communications technology solutions that require proven high levels of reliability. TCS provides wireless and VoIP E9-1-1 network-based services, secure deployable communication systems, engineered satellite-based services, and commercial location applications, like traffic and navigation, using the precise location of a wireless device. Customers include leading wireless, cable MSOs, and VoIP carriers around the world, and agencies of the U.S. Departments of Defense, State, and Homeland Security. For more information, visit www.telecomsys.com.

Except for the historical information contained herein, this news release contains forward-looking statements as defined within Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties and are based upon TCS' current expectations and assumptions that if incorrect would cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated. Risks include without limitation those detailed from time to time in the Company's SEC reports, including the report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 and Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008.

Existing and prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise the information in this press release, whether as a result of new information, future events or circumstances, or otherwise.

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