



## **SOLO Sponsors Local Robotic Vehicle Team Desert Field Test of Robotic Vehicles Offers \$2 Million Prize**

*(Cerritos, CA) October 29, 2004 - Cobalt Horizons announced that SOLO Enterprise Corporation will support its efforts to win a \$2 million prize in a Defense Department research and development initiative aimed at advancing robotics technologies for future military use. The initiative, known as the DARPA Grand Challenge, is a field test of fully autonomous ground vehicles to be conducted in the Mojave Desert on October 8, 2005. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) is offering the \$2 million to the vehicle that completes the course the fastest within a 10-hour period.*

Cerritos, CA ([PRWEB](#)) October 29, 2004 -- SOLO Enterprise Corporation is an industrial CNC (computer numerically controlled) machine shop that manufactures custom precision-machined parts to customer specifications on computer controlled machine tools. SOLO has almost 40 years experience fabricating a wide range of items such as aircraft, missile, and weapons components for the aerospace and defense industries.

Since announcing it will compete in the DARPA Grand Challenge, Cobalt Horizons has been hard at work designing a vehicle that travels with no human assistance over the course's rugged terrain. Next year's event will be the second running of the DARPA Grand Challenge. On March 13, 2004, 15 robotic vehicles attempted to navigate a challenging 142-mile route through the desert Southwest.

DARPA's mission is to pursue R&D in technology areas in which the payoff is very high and where success may provide dramatic advances in military capabilities.

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