PENNSYLVANIA TURNS TO ALABAMA FOR HIGH TECH SOLUTIONS

One of America’s largest and most famous highway systems, the 545-mile Pennsylvania Turnpike — has turned to Huntsville’s Intergraph Corp. to manage the safety of the 188.2 million vehicles a year that swarm its roadways.

Over four hundred 911 calls and 11,000 emergency radio transmissions per day flood in to the Pennsylvania Turnpike’s Traffic Operations Center in Harrisburg, and now those calls will be routed through Intergraph’s computer-aided dispatch (CAD) and reporting software — providing an early warning and response network that spans the entire turnpike.

Known as “America’s First Superhighway,” the Pennsylvania Turnpike opened Oct. 1, 1940. In 2009, it generated $701.6 million in annual gross toll revenue from its 62 fare-collection facilities. Intergraph, one of Alabama’s premier technology companies, founded in 1969 as M&S Computing Inc., is a leading global provider of engineering and geospatial software. It has business and government customers in more than 60 countries.

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Traffic Operations Center oversees 62 toll stops on 545 miles of roadway.