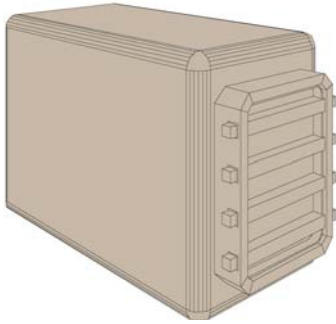


# THREAT CONTAINMENT UNIT



*Artist's drawing of TCU prototype.*



*Photograph of TCU prototype during design testing.*

***“Nabco is very excited to be able to offer the TCU to its customers, and is very pleased with the support they have received from FirstLink in licensing this Navy technology.”***

***Randy Markey  
Vice President  
Nabco, Inc.***

Washington, Pennsylvania-based Nabco, Inc., a leader in manufacturing explosion containment vessels for U.S. and foreign security agencies, has long desired to offer its products to Homeland Security and first responder markets. Recently, Nabco licensed from the Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) the Threat Containment Unit (TCU), a device that will contain and transport packages suspected of harboring explosives or other threats. FirstLink facilitated this licensing agreement.

More than six years ago, NSWC's Carderock Division collaborated with the Federal Aviation Administration to develop the TCU. The project was sidetracked because of the establishment of the Transportation Security Administration and its integration into the Department of Homeland Security.

FirstLink, the Department of Defense's National Center of Excellence for First Responder Technology Transfer, recently accomplished its goal of moving the TCU to market. In less than a year's time, FirstLink re-energized the potential to transfer this technology, assisted in moving the patent from TSA to the NSWC, identified a company well suited to its manufacture (Nabco), and assisted all the entities involved by facilitating the license of the Navy patent.

Now, thanks to the agreement reached with NSWC Carderock through FirstLink's support, Nabco will be able to bring cutting-edge naval technology to first responders in the transportation security market, making American airports safer.

Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Carderock Division provides state-of-the-art science, technology and engineering solutions to meet the rapidly changing needs of the warfighter. Located in West Bethesda, MD, NSWC Carderock offers over 100 years' experience in maritime technology development.

FirstLink is the Department of Defense's National Center of Excellence for First Responder Technology Transfer, supporting emergency and security technology needs through the development of commercial pathways between Department of Defense Science & Technology and private industry.

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