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## XYBIX SYSTEMS DESIGNS, DISTRIBUTES PROTECTIVE COVID-19 DESK SHIELDS FOR 911 OPERATORS, UTILITIES NATIONWIDE

## Quick-to-market production meets the need for "return-to-work" safety

LITTLETON, CO–(April 15, 2020) Xybix Systems, Inc., a leading provider of ergonomic workstations for 911 and command centers nationwide, announced today it has designed, manufactured and begun distributing its new <u>PlexiGuard</u><sup>™</sup> protective shields nationwide.

The shields are designed to protect public safety operators in their workspaces from contagious, airborne droplets emitted by coughing and sneezing. The shields help satisfy a growing mandate by local and state governments that desk-bound public safety workers have a transparent, physical barrier between them and their colleagues to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Product development and launch happened in a record six days, from initial concept to nationwide shipping.

The idea was borne when Xybix employee Karen Tinnes started noticing clear protective shields going up between check-out stations in local grocery stores. On the same day, Tinnes, who works in Xybix customer service, received a call from a Xybix customer with City of Albuquerque 911. The operator had been unable to find anything that filled a new mandate to install protective, clear shields between 911 operators.

"She shared it with us immediately, and it was off to the races," said Barry Carson, who owns Xybix Systems with his brother, Kenny Carson, and father, Dave Carson. "Since then, utility companies, state patrol, and multiple government agencies have contacted us for orders."

The PlexiGuard<sup>™</sup> protective shield allows a 911 dispatcher to remain in his or her workspace and operate effectively without fear of contagion from another person in the building. PlexiGuard<sup>™</sup> is constructed of clear Plexiglass to allow a clean line of sight between employees, and it comes in two versions:

(1) The PlexiGuard<sup>™</sup> Panel Screen <u>adapts to Xybix brand height-adjustable workstations</u> so that, even when standing, a person who is 6'4" has protection, as do those around him. While competitors in the workstation space have created bulky options, the Xybix panel system is built from 14-gauge steel, and it's modular enough to allow PlexiGuard<sup>™</sup> to fit in a variety of locations within the room design.

(2) The PlexiGuard<sup>™</sup> Surface Screen is a desktop option that <u>works with any brand of office</u> <u>desk or workstation</u>.

"PlexiGuard<sup>™</sup> was designed with 911 dispatchers and utility operators in mind," says Carson. "The screens deliver visibility and flexibility for standing workstations, as well as mobility for the desktop units—all designed around the goal of safety for the end-user."

In its first day of product launch for PlexiGuard<sup>™</sup>, the <u>website</u> saw ten times the average number of visitors, and orders started flooding in. In addition to requests from states including NY, CA, NM, and CO, "San Francisco 911 has ordered enough to protect their entire center," says Carson. "Our goal is to keep our dispatchers and operators who are working in missioncritical environments safe and productive. They *can't* work from home, so we want to ensure that even while working, they're 'sheltered in place.' This simple product may be one that meets with gratitude from their family and friends."

For more information about PlexiGuard<sup>™</sup> or to request a media interview, please contact president/co-founder Barry Carson at Xybix Systems, at 303.683.5454 and at <u>BarryC@xybix.com</u>.