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Sterling Investment Buys Community Research

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Westport, Conn., private equity firm Sterling Investment Partners LP has acquired a controlling stake in Community Research Associates Inc., an Alexandria, Va.-based provider of terrorism response services. Financial transaction details were not released. As part of the investment, retired U.S. Army Major General Bruce Lawlor, who retired as First Chief of Staff of the Department of Homeland Security in October, joins Community Research.