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USDA to Merge E-mail, Data Systems

E-mail will be first on the list to go. The Agriculture Department plans to consolidate three platforms and five different versions into Microsoft Corp.'s Exchange 2003 by October 2007. And that's only the beginning. The agency will next target LANs and data centers for consolidation.

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DISA Awards Contract for SOA Governance Products

The Defense Information Systems Agency has awarded a contract for \$1 million to Merlin Technical Solutions Inc. to provide service-oriented architecture governance products for the agency's Net-Enabled Command Capability and Net-Centric Enterprise Services initiatives. Greenwood Village, Colo.-based Merlin Technical Solutions is functioning as an integrator under the DISA contract, using SOA management tools developed by Systinet Corp, a division of Mercury Interactive Corp. Systinet is headquartered in Burlington, Mass.

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Law Enforcers Want Help From Social Networking Sites

Efforts to prosecute crimes related to online social-networking sites would be aided if Internet protocol numbers could be accessed once investigations begin, an official said Thursday. "Companies that operate social Web sites have a responsibility" to prevent the improper use of their sites, Steven Del Negro from the Massachusetts Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force said during a conference on such sites.

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VA Official Opposes Centralization of IT Management

IT management at the VA is gaining congressional attention as lawmakers look into how a long-time agency employee was able to take veterans' sensitive personal records home unauthorized for three years, culminating in last month's data breach. The House Veterans' Affairs Committee is holding a hearing Thursday focusing on the management structure governing IT security.

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Voinovich Offers Workforce Improvement Bill

Sen. George Voinovich (R-Ohio) introduced a bill June 13 that requires more rigorous performance appraisals of federal employees. The Federal Workforce Performance Appraisal and Management Improvement Act would ease the transition to pay-for-performance systems governmentwide, he said.

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The Defense Department would like to improve its strategic workforce planning, but several factors, including the DOD budget process, could prevent Pentagon officials from using data analysis and centralized planning to meet its civilian workforce needs. That is the conclusion of a new report from Rand's National Defense Research Institute (NDRI), a federally funded research center. The report, "Civilian Workforce Planning in the Department of Defense," states that DOD is living with the negative consequences of more than a decade of downsizing and restructuring.

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Hack at USDA Puts 26,000 At Risk

A hacker broke into an Agriculture Department information technology system that contained names, Social Security numbers and other employee data during the first weekend in June, department officials said last week. The security breach put 26,000 current and retired employees and contractors in the Washington, D.C., area at risk of identity theft and other cybercrimes.

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Navy Personnel Data Exposed On Civilian Web Site

The Navy said it discovered earlier this week that personal data – including Social Security numbers and birthdates – on 28,000 service members and their family members had been published on a civilian Web site. A Navy Personnel Command spokesman said the information, contained in five spreadsheet files, has been removed from the civilian Web site. The spokesman declined to identify the Web site because of an ongoing investigation. But he said it was not a Web log or site operated by an individual.

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DoD Gets on the Telework Bus

As the Defense Department braces for massive changes from pending base closures and realignments, officials see telework as a saving grace that could soften the blow for their workforce. Although the rest of the government has yet to fully embrace telecommuting, Defense officials are implementing pilot programs and discussing ways to expand existing telework initiatives.

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Plateau Systems, **hrGOV 2004** attendee announced Plateau OnDemand, the industry's first subscription-based talent management solution to deliver best-in-class performance, succession, and learning management capabilities in an affordable, fully managed solution. With Plateau OnDemand, companies of any size can harness the enterprise-class power and functionality of Plateau's proven solutions - anytime, anywhere - to meet their organizational needs.

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Qualcomm, **networkGOV 2004** attendee, announced that it has entered into a commercial WCDMA modem card license agreement with Longcheer Holdings Limited. Under the terms of the royalty-bearing agreement, QUALCOMM has granted Longcheer a worldwide license under its CDMA patent portfolio to develop, manufacture and sell 3G WCDMA modem cards. The royalties payable by Longcheer are at QUALCOMM's standard worldwide rates.

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AirDefense, **networkGOV 2006** attendee, announced that it is the first and only Wireless Intrusion Protection System (WIPS) that is fully compliant with the new Department of Defense (DoD) policy on the use of commercial wireless LAN devices, systems and technologies in the DoD Global Information Grid (GIG). The new DoD policy, issued on June 2, 2006, is a supplement to the DoD Directive 8100.2. Its goal is to enhance overall network security and lay the foundations and roadmap for increased interoperability of open standards based WLAN technologies.

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Jobster, **hrGOV 2006** attendee, announced that it has acquired Recruiting.com, the leading recruiting industry blog site. Recruiting.com will continue to aggregate content from more than 70 recruiting industry blogs as well as drive thought leadership in the industry through original content created by Recruiting.com's team of industry experts.

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Sun Microsystems, **architectureGOV 2006** attendee, announced that companies from around the world have used the Sun RFID Test Center to simulate thousands of RFID and sensor deployments to verify that multi-vendor solutions are interoperable and meet industry technical standards and mandates. Sun is reorganizing the RFID Test Center into its Colorado-based Sun APT lab to add the ability to test RFID and sensor solutions under adverse environmental conditions such as excessive heat and cold, shock, humidity, vibration, altitude and pressure. The new facility is called the Sun Advanced Product Testing Lab for RFID and Sensors.

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\$3 million Contract Awarded to Nortel Government Solutions, Inc.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has awarded a \$3 million contract to Nortel Government Solutions Inc. to deliver systems engineering and software development for ground systems that support weather satellites. Under the contract, Nortel Government Solutions of Fairfax, VA, will develop, test and deploy enhanced-sensor processing systems for the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellites.

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ITS Hooks Military Hospital Tech Support Deals

Under an \$8 million contract, ITS of Oxnard, Calif., will furnish local area network, help desk and Web and programming support to the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center at several Navy medical facilities. The company will deliver these services to the Naval Hospital Jacksonville and to naval clinics in Atlanta, GA, Key West, FL and other locations.

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VA Awards Record Contract to Service-Disabled, Vet-Owned Business

The Veterans Affairs Department awarded MicroTech LLC of Vienna, Va., a contract worth up to \$365 million for Microsoft products and services over six years. The contract is valued at \$56 million for the first year with five one-year options.

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\$6 million Contract Awarded to MTC Technologies, Inc.

MTC Technologies Inc. won a two-year, \$6 million subcontract from DRS Technical Services to provide technical support for the U.S. Army's homeland defense initiatives. Under the subcontract, MTC's land forces group will deliver software development, network architecture, system installation, test, documentation and training services.

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Census Taps Apogen for Computer-Assisted Interviewing

Apogen Technologies Inc. won the Field Operations Authoring Support contract from Commerce Department to help census takers with computer-assisted interviewing systems. Apogen won the \$6.8 million contract to provide programming tools used in development of computer-assisted interviewing systems that enable the Census Bureau to conduct research for multiple federal agencies.

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