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PRESS RELEASE – TSA's Strategic Management Support Services Contract

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Department of Homeland Security Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to provide strategic management support services.

Phase One Consulting Group is part of a team led by Excalibur Associates, Inc. and also includes Vector Resources, Inc., and Serco, Inc. The multi-award indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity performance-base contract, referred to as Strategic Management Support Services (SMSS), is a five year contract with no maximum value. The contract includes the support of TSA with services including change management, business management and measurement, program analysis, and benchmarking.

Excalibur Associates, Inc. is a service-disabled, veteran-owned small disadvantaged business experienced in providing policy and operational national security services, including ESSENTIAL Emergency Management, ESSENTIAL Health & Safety Management, and ESSENTIAL Security Services.

Phase One Consulting Group, Inc. is a small business that provides private and public sector clients with strategic business and technology consulting as well as information technology implementing consulting.



PRESS RELEASE - VA's VISTA VCS Blanket Purchase Agreement

Phase One Consulting Group is proud to announce that it is part of the team led by Merlin International that has been awarded a Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) by the Department of Veterans Affairs for Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) Contractor Services (VCS). The award has a potential maximum aggregate value of \$1 billion for the potential 10-year term.

Merlin International is one of the fastest growing public sector IT solutions providers in the United States. Based in Denver, with offices in Vienna, Va., Linthicum, Md., and Scott Air Force Base, Merlin delivers technology solutions and services for a broad range of organizations including the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Defense, civilian and intelligence agencies, as well as state and local governments.

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The SOA Consortium

The SOA Consortium is a new Service-Oriented Architecture (SOA) advocacy group comprised of end-users, service providers and technology vendors committed to helping the Global 1000, major government agencies, and mid-market businesses successfully adopt SOA by 2010.

The SOA Consortium mission, strategies, and tactics center on the following premises:

- Service-oriented architecture adoption is a key enabler for the 21st century enterprise
- Achieving the benefits of service-oriented architecture requires significant changes for both IT and business executives
- Service-oriented architecture is perceived by business executives as an IT integration and productivity story, but it is really a business agility story
- Enterprise SOA practitioners would greatly benefit from a vibrant practitioner community to drive local, business-driven, SOA success, and to spur broader enterprise, and industry-wide, SOA adoption.

[Click HERE for more information of The SOA Consortium](#)

[Click HERE to read a personal letter from Richard Mark Soley, PhD., Executive Director, SOA Consortium](#)





ArchitectureGOV Brings Inter-Agency Collaboration and Social Networking to New Levels

June 12th, 2007

Cumberland, MD — **ArchitectureGOV 2007** provided a “blockbuster” forum for knowledge exchange, government collaboration, and provided a great way to share common concerns in Enterprise Architecture and learn what new technologies are being offered by leading solution providers. Speaking highlights of the fourth Annual **ArchitectureGOV 2007 Strategic Intelligence Council Meeting** included a panel on the socialization of information led by Ira Grossman, Chair, Chief Architect Forum which will be published as a Podcast for the public to download (go to [www. ArchitectureGOV.org](http://www.ArchitectureGOV.org)). Among many other cutting-edge presentations, John McManus, Deputy CIO and CTO US Department of Commerce discussed the long term trends of enterprise architecture and its impact on Enterprise Architecture today and Suzanne Acar, Senior Information Architect, Department of Interior, spoke about how to effectively manage data as a national asset.

The overall consensus of the program stressed the need for the Chief Enterprise Architects to step out of their IT box and start leading with a business mind to garner buy-in from management. “The biggest benefit in attending **ArchitectureGOV** is seeing how Enterprise Architecture is integrated in different organizations structures and learning about the bumps in the road and appreciating the difference that leadership makes.” Kevin Kirby, Network Architect, EPA

The **ArchitectureGOV** attendees voted for speaker and solution provider nominations. The award results concluded that John McManus, Deputy CIO and CTO, US Department of Commerce was voted the Most Dynamic Speaker, Ira Grossman, Chair, Chief Architect Forum was voted the most Cutting Edge Presentation, and New Energy Technologies was voted the Best Live Demonstration.

About ArchitectureGOV:

ArchitectureGOV is an annual government meeting dedicated to supporting the strategic, technological, and business relationships between the public and private sector. This critical meeting hosts an environment for senior enterprise architecture government officials where they will have the opportunity to learn about today's leading technologies while meeting in strategy sessions

among their peers.

About ConVurge:

ConVurge is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) dedicated to supporting strategic, technological, and business relationships between the public and private sectors. Our executive meetings foster an environment where senior government officials learn about today's leading technologies while meeting in strategy sessions among their peers.

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The four focus areas of ConVurge are **SecureGOV**, **MobileGOV**, **ArchitectureGOV** and **HiGOV**. For further information regarding ConVurge, please visit www.ConVurge.org.



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Industry News:

US Education Official Testifies Before House Homeland Security Committee

Today, Holly Kuzmich, deputy chief of staff for the U.S. Department of Education, testified before the House Homeland Security Committee to discuss ways the federal government can help keep our nation's schools and college campuses safe learning environments.

Taking a Cue from Britain: Pentagon's Tweaked Data Architecture Adds Views Covering Acquisition, Strategy

An Air Force agency has started using an expanded version of the Pentagon's enterprise architecture that has features drawn from the U.K. Ministry of Defence. The new features, called views or products in the argot of systems designers, extend the architecture into the fields of acquisition and strategic planning. The Pentagon's Defense Department Architecture Framework (DODAF) defines requirements for military systems design in much the same way that the Office of Management and Budget's federal enterprise architecture imposes rules on civilian systems.

Strategy for Evolving DOD's Business Enterprise Architecture

DOD's Business Mission Area federation strategy for extending its BEA to the military departments and defense agencies provides a foundation on which to build and align the department's parent business architecture (the BEA) with its subordinate architectures (i.e., component- and program-level architectures). (See figure.) In particular, the strategy, which was released in September 2006, states the department's federated architecture goals; describes federation concepts that are to be applied; and explains high-level activities, capabilities, products, and services that are intended to facilitate implementation of the concepts.

Zenoss: Bringing Open Source to Enterprise Management

If you curse your "tier-one" IT management solution as too cumbersome, too complex, and too expensive, you're not alone. In a recent Gartner study that declares the "Big Four" -- BMC, CA, HP, and IBM -- increasingly vulnerable to SaaS (software as a service) and open source alternatives, surveyed users gave their vendors mostly C's and D's, and a good number of incompletes.

Guerra: Performance-based Acquisition is Not Working

The Office of Management and Budget is pleased with agencies' progress on the use of performance-based contracts and was encouraging them to put the contracting concept to even more use in the future, according to a May 25 FCW.com article, "OMB to agencies: Use more performance-based contracts."

Army 2008 Spending: Focus on Force Integration

The Army will spend as much as \$2.3 billion on its Future Combat Systems initiative in fiscal 2008 and hundreds of millions more on initiatives designed to better integrate its forces, a top Army official said at a government-industry event last week.

Groups praise U.S. broadband data bill: The proposed Senate bill would reconsider what can be defined as 'broadband' and use more accurate metrics for determining broadband Penetration

A bill introduced in the U.S. Senate this week would require the U.S. Federal Communications Commission to reconsider what bandwidth rates qualify as broadband, a move that won praise from some groups that call current broadband penetration statistics misleading.

DHS: Additional SBINet Wireless Test Will Teach Lessons

The Homeland Security Department will start a second wireless test of its Border Net project in the Great Lakes region of the United States. Rod MacDonald, the Customs and Border Protection Directorate's assistant commissioner, said May 21 that the program will build on lessons learned in an Arizona pilot test, which examined how different devices connected to the directorate's database through assorted wireless connections.

Commerce Explores Shared E-mail Service

The U.S. Navy is discovering that enhanced connectivity is only the tip of the iceberg known as the Navy/Marine Corps Intranet. Unlike the frozen mountain that sinks ships, however, this iceberg is empowering a range of innovations that were not even on the sea service's radar when the massive network was conceived.

Attackers Get Chatty on VoIP: The Hacker Attacks Happening via Skype will Become More Severe and Sophisticated as Businesses Start Adopting VoIP Technologies, Analysts Say

The recent spate of malware attacks propagating throughout the user base of the Skype Internet

calling system illustrates a broader trend toward cyber-criminals moving to take advantage of VoIP platforms as they become increasingly popular.

It's not just data leakage anymore...



NIST Readies Guidance on IT Security Assessments

The National Institute of Standards and Technology has finished the third and possibly final draft of its revised guidelines for assessing the adequacy of IT security. Special Publication 800-53A, Guide for Assessing the Security Controls in Federal Information Systems, will be released for comment June 4.

Energy Reports Losing 1,400 Laptops in Six Years

The Energy Department notified Congress yesterday that it has lost 1,415 laptop PCs over the past six years. The department said none of the laptops contained classified information. The figure represents approximately two percent of its current inventory of laptop computers, or approximately 71,874 units used either by agency personnel or contractors. The Energy Department statement broke down the missing laptops by year, with 144 reported missing for 2001, 248 in 2002, 256 in 2003, 258 in 2004, 223 in 2005 and 205 in 2006.

FISMA Security Standards

The National Institute of Standards and Technology has released a suite of tools to help automate vulnerability management and evaluate compliance with federal IT security requirements. It is an automated checklist that using a collection of recognized standards for naming software flaws and configuration problems in specific products. It can help test for the presence of vulnerabilities and rank them according to severity of impact. The checklist files are mapped to NIST specifications for compliance with the Federal Information Security Management Act, so that the output can be used to document FISMA compliance.

Mobile Data Security

Less than a week after admitting that a disk with sensitive employee information was lost or stolen, Alcatel-Lucent (Quote) today introduced a networking card designed to lock in data on laptops. Alcatel-Lucent unveiled the OmniAccess 3500 Nonstop Laptop Guardian at the 2007 Interop networking show in Las Vegas, though the company first previewed the product at the Demo show in February.



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Solution Provider News:


BEA Announces WebLogic Real Time 2.0 with Microsecond Latency for Standard Java Applications

BEA Systems, Inc., a world leader in enterprise infrastructure software, today announced WebLogic Real Time 2.0, the latest release of the company's Java real-time technology and the industry's only real-time solution with guaranteed microsecond pause times for standard Java applications with no special coding required.

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Event-Driven SOA

BEA Systems, Inc., a world leader in enterprise infrastructure software, today announced its entry into Event-Driven Architecture (EDA) with a new product offering designed to enable event-driven SOA in Java environments. BEA WebLogic Event Server is the first and only Java application server optimized to handle large volumes of streaming data, predictable real-time response requirements and complex event processing (CEP). Until now, being able to manage these types of event requirements in real time and with high predictability has not been possible in Java. As it did with its real-time and virtualization technologies, BEA brings Java to new frontiers once again with WebLogic Event Server, successfully addressing these issues while delivering the productivity, adaptability and cost benefits uniquely afforded by Java.



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By utilizing the NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES solution, agencies are able to reduce the amount of cumbersome vehicles, personnel and transportation requirements needed today to complete the simplest of missions. Instead of sending teams and equipment into locations days and weeks in advance, smaller teams can be deployed and fully operational in minutes in most cases. This factor alone can be translated into a cost savings of millions of dollars.

In addition to cost savings, the NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES solution allows all of these teams to change mission and direction of travel in real time. In the current operational mode, this would require the repositioning of multiple vehicles and personnel; in many cases leaving gaps in security during the relocation. With the NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES solution, the teams simply take their capabilities with them as they move with no disruption to their data, voice or video flow while under way.

These are not isolated needs; First Responders, Quick Reaction Teams, Security Details and Tactical Forces all share these requirements. The ability to communicate, see-ahead and share information are the keys to a successful mission.

The NEW ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES solution is currently being evaluated by several Government agencies.

For more information please contact: NETinfo@newenergywifi.com

Information Builders: The Power of Focus: Building Information

Who says user conferences are all pomp and no circumstance? At its user conference in Las Vegas, Information Builders Inc. (IBI) just unveiled a revamped version of its WebFOCUS reporting suite, showcased a new process-driven alerting capability (which taps its WebFOCUS and iWay integration technologies), and touted an improved WebFOCUS Excel integration facility, to boot. Not bad for a week in Sin City—and at Tony Soprano's favorite Vegas stomping ground (Caesar's Palace), no less.

IONA: DZ Bank Selects IONA'S ARTIX for SOA Foundation

IONA Technologies, a world leader in distributed service-oriented architecture (SOA) infrastructure solutions for performance-demanding IT environments, today announced that DZ BANK, a leading international bank headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany, has selected IONA Artix, an advanced SOA infrastructure suite, as the foundation for the financial institution's SOA deployment. Leveraging the suite's Enterprise Service Bus (ESB) and orchestration capabilities, DZ BANK is using Artix to bring

together the company's existing IT infrastructure to speed the roll out of new products and services to a diverse customer base.



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Awarded Contracts:

Global Enterprise Management Support

IDIQ Multiple Award Task Order Contract (FFP, T&M and CR) with FASA requirement to provide Fair opportunity for consideration of task orders.

Enhanced Mobile Satellite Service

Purchase of Iridium Equipment and Services (secure voice and unsecure data) to access the DoD Enhanced Mobile Satellite Service (EMSS) Government Gateway. Cross-linking satellites with on-board processing provides the following: global coverage, independence from foreign/local infrastructure, voice and data capability, STU-III/STE interoperability, single point terrestrial connectivity, improved communications security, and other special features.

Information Assurance

Solution-based contract providing engineering product services and technical support to produce unified, fully integrated systems security solutions for the dod. The contract is structured to permit purchase of a full range of information assurance (ia) solutions, including the hardware, software and enabling products necessary to implement these solutions.



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GSA RFP:

EDS Wins GSA HSPD-12 Managed Services Work

Electronic Data Systems Corp. has won a \$66.3 million contract from the General Services Administration to run its Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12 managed-service office. EDS will replace BearingPoint Inc., which won GSA's initial HSPD-12 contract in August 2006. The Plano, Texas-based company beat six bidders to secure the deal, industry sources confirmed. "EDS had to demonstrate their abilities to meet the government's requirements," said John Johnson, assistant commissioner for GSA's Integrated Technology Services. "They were successful in testing and that was one factor in our decision."

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