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Global Science & Technology and Biometric Services International, LLC Announce Memorandum of Understanding to Create Identity Management Joint Venture

IdM Global Alliance , LLC would integrate GST systems development and database management with BSI's biometric services

Morgantown, WV (April 15, 2009) – Global Science & Technology, Inc. (GST), a major provider of information technology, engineering, and professional services, and Biometric Services International, LLC (BSI), a biometric application services company, today announced a memorandum of understanding to create an identity management joint venture company called IdM Global Alliance, LLC.

“IdM will be unlike any other identity management entity in West Virginia,” said GST Vice President and General Manager Brian Bell. “By joining with BSI, we believe IdM will bring together the best of both companies. For GST, it’s our world-class software development, engineering, and database management experience. For BSI, it’s their identity management and biometrics testing, training, research, and application support functions that take place in Morgantown, West Virginia.”

“I see the joint venture as a clear example of 1+1=3,” explained Valerie Evanoff, BSI Chief Executive Officer. “Biometric Services International (BSI), provides a very niche service within the identity management landscape. GST has had tremendous success in large-scale government programs with identity management components. By combining the specialty biometric expertise and accredited facilities of BSI with the comprehensive skills, experience, and economic engine of GST, clients will be provided with top quality, unique support for all identity management programs and projects.”

The GST, BSI joint venture will share resources from both companies. BSI is a wholly owned, non-profit subsidiary of the National Biometric Security Project (NBSP). BSI’s application and acquisition services address critical biometric deployment considerations. BSI is the only facility in the world exclusively dedicated to biometrics that has achieved ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation. ISO/IEC 17025:2005 specifies the general requirements for the competence to carry out tests. It covers testing performed using standard methods, non-standard methods, and laboratory-developed methods. Laboratory customers, regulatory authorities, and accreditation bodies use it in confirming or recognizing the competence of laboratories.

GST has a business division in Fairmont, West Virginia, where it is a key site for the planning, design, development, and testing of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Comprehensive Large Array-data Stewardship System (CLASS). GST is also a subcontractor to Lockheed Martin on the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Next Generation Identification System. The \$1 billion contract will expand fingerprint capacity and significantly increasing the size of the current database. The new system will include palm prints, iris, and facial recognition capabilities. It also requires a significant degree of technical flexibility to accommodate other biometric modalities that may mature and become important to law enforcement in the future.

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About Global Science & Technology, Inc.

Global Science & Technology, Inc. was founded in 1991. Currently, Global Science & Technology has offices in Greenbelt, Maryland; Washington, DC; Fairmont, West Virginia; Boulder, Colorado; Asheville, North Carolina; and Huntsville, Alabama. Global Science & Technology has built a highly specialized workforce that includes experts in key domains of engineering, science, communications, and information technology. Global Science & Technology provides all levels of scientific and technical expertise and support within the federal Research and Development (R&D) laboratory environment. Global Science & Technology's major clients include the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), NASA Headquarters (HQ), NOAA, Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Justice (DOJ), and the State of West Virginia. Much of Global Science & Technology's work has been in direct support of NASA and NOAA science missions and related data systems. Global Science & Technology's signature emphasis is on systems interoperability and solutions based on open standards to create efficiencies and reduce overall cost of operations.



About Biometric Services International

Biometric Services International, LLC (BSI) is a wholly owned, non-profit subsidiary of the National Biometric Security Project (NBSP). BSI's application and acquisition services address critical biometric deployment considerations. These services include requirements definition, articulation of program goals and objectives, vulnerability assessments, application impact studies, life-cycle cost analyses, and privacy impact assessments. A robust range of testing, training, and research capabilities supports these services.

About National Biometric Security Project (NBSP)

The original National Biometric Security Project has evolved into the NBSP Enterprise, an organization comprised of three operating components, including Biometric Services International, LLC; AR Technologies, Inc., and ARServices, LLC.. All three are focused on the overall NBSP mission of accelerating the deployment of biometric technologies to enhance national defense and security, as well as to meet the need for increased protection against identity theft and fraud. NBSP is ISO 9001 Certified [Quality Management Systems Requirements] and as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation, it is able to ensure a technology-neutral, vendor-independent posture and focus on user requirements.

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