

# ORC Announces Newly Approved GSA Schedule of Products and Services to Fulfill the Requirement of HSPD-12

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**Washington, D.C.** -- WidePoint Corporation's (OTC BB: WDPT) wholly owned subsidiary Operational Research Consultants, Inc. ("ORC"), the leading provider of Assurance Level 3 and 4 Federal PKI authentication services, today announced that its GSA Schedule has been updated to provide agencies with a vehicle to procure products and services to meet HSPD-12 requirements. ORC's GSA Schedule (GS-35F-0164J), available through GSA Advantage, now contains Special Item Number (SIN) 132-60, Authentication Products and Services, making ORC the first contractor approved to hold this SIN.

As described on the GSA Schedules eLibrary website this new SIN enables organizations to purchase from ORC "authentication products and services provided for authentication of individuals for purposes of physical and logical access control, electronic signature, performance of e-business transactions and delivery of Government services.

"Providing these much needed products and services through the GSA Schedule empowers Federal agencies with the means to address the requirements placed upon them by HSPD-12," stated Steve Duncan, GSA ACES Program Manager. "The ACES certificates and services available through this new SIN provide individuals with an eAuthentication credential the Government can confidently recognize as meeting the requisite policies and procedures to ensure the truthful identity of the individual presenting the certificate."

Prospective Federal agencies can use ORC's GSA Schedule to obtain products and services toward full HSPD-12 compliance or obtain any missing pieces needed to complete their compliance efforts. This ability to procure such products and services either in part or in total becomes increasingly critical as the deadline for Phase 1 compliance continues to draw nearer.

Steve Komar, WidePoint's Chief Executive Officer, stated, "This latest addition to the GSA Schedule further solidifies ORC's position as a leader in the Federal Government Information Assurance/ Identity Management space. It also reaffirms ORC's commitment to provide comprehensive Information Assurance and Identity Management Solutions in support of U.S. Government efforts and the protection of our Nation's Critical Infrastructure."

## **About HSPD-12**

HSPD-12, "Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors," signed on August 27, 2004, directs the promulgation of a new Federal standard for secure and reliable identification issued by Federal agencies for their employees and contractors. In response to the directive, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) published Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 201 (FIPS 201) on February 25, 2005 that provides a detailed specification for Federal agencies and departments deploying a personal identity verification (PIV) card for their employees and contractors <http://csrc.nist.gov/piv-project/index.html>. The PIV

is a core component to setting the "trust model" across the Federal enterprise.

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