

ORC Recognized by GSA as First and Only Commercial Credential Service Provider in E-Authentication Federation

GSA Awards ORC Two Federal Security Contracts; Spends First Dollars With ORC for Federation Credential Services Adoption and eOffer/eMod Digital Certificates

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Fairfax, Va. -- -- WidePoint Corporation (OTC BB: WDPT), wholly owned subsidiary Operational Research Consultants, Inc. (ORC), the leading provider of Federal PKI authentication services, today announced it has won two Federal contracts for E- Authentication Credential Services and eOffer/eMod Digital Certificates. The combined immediate value of the contracts is approximately \$1.6 million.

E-Authentication Credential Services

ORC is the world's first commercial Credential Service Provider (CSP) to meet the operational requirements stipulated in the E-Authentication Credential Architecture Framework. The GSA E-Authentication Program Office awarded ORC a firm-fixed price, one-year contract for credential services to include 250,000 + credentials and technical support for E-Authentication Federation members - agencies with applications requiring up to an Assurance Level 2 (a vetted, Security Assertion Markup Language-based user name and password). The Federation, established by GSA in accordance with the E-Gov Presidential initiative, allows qualified providers such as ORC to authenticate the exchange of electronic data among federal government users.

The Department of Energy Vendor Inquiry Payment Electronic Reporting System (VIPERS) and the National Science Foundation's FastLane were the first applications to go live with ORC Level 2 credentials. The Departments of Justice, Labor, and Transportation are in the process of completing final testing. As a government approved and audited commercial CSP, ORC will provide technical support to all remaining Departments scheduled for participation beginning in January 2006.

The mission of the E-Authentication Federation is to "Enable millions of safe, secure, trusted online transactions between government and the citizens and businesses that it serves; reduce online identity management/credentialing burden for government agency application owners and system administrators; and provide citizens and businesses with a choice of credentials when accessing public-facing online government agency applications."

eOffer Digital Certificates

In a separate contract, ORC has been awarded a firm-fixed price contract to issue up to 15,000 certificates to qualified vendors accessing the GSA FSS eOffer/eMod web application. The eOffer/eMod is an online tool for companies to submit contract offers and contract modification requests to GSA Federal Supply Service and is designed to "create an interactive, secure electronic

environment that simplifies the contracting process from submission of proposal to awards."

Through this effort, GSA FSS is realizing the benefits of the investments made by the Government and industry under the GSA Access Certificates for Electronic Services (ACES) program. As an approved and audited ACES provider, ORC is a government-trusted third party authorized to conduct the identity proofing necessary to issue user's certificates, that will not only allow strong authentication to eOffer/eMod, but also to other government applications that choose to trust the ACES Certificate Policy such as the Department of States D-Trade system.

Benefits derived from this effort include:

- the Agency does not have the burden of identity proofing;
- the Agency has a high level of confidence in the asserted identity;
- certificates are FIPS 140-2 level 2 compliant;
- the user has multi-use capability;
- subsequent agencies benefit from an inherited community;
- wider adoption will reduce per certificate costs;
- user doesn't have to remember multiple passwords;
- certificates provide the agency application the opportunity for single sign-on.

"Both of these contract awards underscore the Federal Government's confidence in our secure authentication solutions," said Dan Turissini, CEO of ORC. "We are focused exclusively on developing the world's most advanced and operationally suitable e-authentication solutions. This is backed by having met the stringent requirements set by the DoD and NSA to become the first DoD External Certificate Authority and by GSA to become the only approved Shared Service Provider with full authority to operate."

About Operational Research Consultants and WidePoint Corporation

ORC, a wholly owned subsidiary of WidePoint Corporation, is at the forefront of implementing PKI solutions. The company intends to become the market's leading systems engineering firm specializing in providing information assurance and security solutions to government and commercial customers. ORC's iDentity Management and Authentication Services have received three major U.S. government certifications. ORC is distinguished as the first designated Department of Defense (DoD) Interim External Certificate Authority as well as the first U.S. Government External Certificate Authority (ECA). The company is the sole ECA authorized to issue server and code signing certificates in addition to personal certificates. ORC is one of only three qualified providers of GSA Access Certificates for Electronics Services and is the first and only commercial GSA eAuthentication Federation Credential Service Provider. Under the GSA ACES BPA and GSA IT Schedule category 132 60 "Authentication Products and Services", ORC has established strategic partnerships to address the Government IA initiative, most recently magnified by HSPD-12 to provide full "life cycle" IA and identity management services. For more information, please see ORC's website at <http://www.orc.com> or contact Denise Finnance (finnanced@orc.com) at 703 246-8530.

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