

# WidePoint's ORC Subsidiary Awarded GSA Contract to Provide Government-Wide Certificate-Based Managed Validation/Translation Service and Support (MVTs)

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**Fairfax, VA** -- WidePoint Corporation (AMEX: WYY) announced today that its wholly owned subsidiary Operational Research Consultants, Inc. (ORC) has signed a contract with the General Services Administration (GSA) to provide government-wide certificate-based Managed Validation/Translation Service and Support (MVTs).

ORC, as the prime contractor, has been designated by the GSA to provide a multi-Agency solution to enable active software applications with an interface to an approved federal PKI solution, and to provide long-term authentication support and transaction processing services. Commencing with an immediate base program, the contract provides for incremental pricing tiers in anticipation of a potential number of applications exceeding 5,000 active software programs, and monthly validation transactions ranging from a base of 100,000 transactions up to a potential one Million transactions per month.

Specifically, ORC will provide:

- TCP/IP interfaces that accept validation requests for X.509v3 Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) certificates and process a status response indicating whether the certificate is valid or not,
- Certificate-based authentication support services that enable government applications to rely on the federal PKI(s),
- Information security and assurance support services and
- Translation services on certificates trusted by the Federal Bridge Certificate Authority into the various interface specifications adopted by e-Authentication for Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) profile schemes.

Daniel E. Turissini, CEO of ORC, said, "This award is another example of the government's commitment to the President's Critical Infrastructure Protection initiatives and to making the newly launched HSPD-12 program a success. ORC will rely on the Tumbleweed Communications' Identity Validation solution to provide a highly available certificate-based validation service that all government applications can use to meet the e-Authentication requirements. ORC will also take advantage of the extensive toolsets provided by Tumbleweed and RSA, the Security Division of

EMC, to provide agencies and other relying parties with the Public Key enabling transition and implementation support necessary to take full advantage of the federal PKI and e-Authentication programs.”

Under ORC’s Information Technology Federal Supply Schedule (GS-35F-0164J) Special Item Number 132.60, the ORC MVTS contract will be key to the government meeting the President’s Management Agenda and approved 24 e-Government (e-Gov) initiatives across four domains — government-to-citizen, government-to-business, government-to-government and internal operations. The MVTS award has a base and three option years and is structured under the \$100 Million contract cap of the aforementioned Federal Supply Schedule. The MVTS system will directly benefit stakeholders, including federal, state and local government entities, private industry, the scientific community and the public. It will further act to improve efficiencies and reduce costs by providing identity authentication services in a consistent fashion.

Ann Smith, VP of Tumbleweed’s Federal Group, said, “These contracts demonstrate the success of a strategic partnership ORC and Tumbleweed have enjoyed for more than 10 years. Working together, we will offer an integrated portfolio to government agencies to allow them to successfully meet e-Authentication and HSPD-12 deployment requirements in 2006 and beyond. Tumbleweed’s vast experience with certificate validation within DoD and other foreign governments has proven our reliability, and we are honored that our certificate validation solution will be part of the comprehensive PKI service ORC provides for U.S. Federal Agencies to comply with e-Gov initiatives in a high assurance environment.”

### **About Tumbleweed**

Tumbleweed provides one of the most innovative messaging security solutions for organizations of all sizes. Organizations rely on Tumbleweed's solutions to securely manage their Internet communications, spanning e-mail management to file transfers. Tumbleweed has over 2,300 customers serving more than 40 million users worldwide, representing industries in finance, healthcare, life sciences and the U.S. government. The world’s most security conscious organizations rely upon Tumbleweed technology including Bank of America Securities, JP Morgan Chase & Co., Blue Cross/Blue Shield, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Department of Defense. The company’s award-winning products build on 13 years of R&D and 25 messaging security patents in the U.S. alone – many of which are licensed by other security vendors, [www.tumbleweed.com/company/patents/patent\\_licenses.html](http://www.tumbleweed.com/company/patents/patent_licenses.html). For more information, visit [www.tumbleweed.com](http://www.tumbleweed.com).

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RSA offers industry-leading solutions in identity assurance and access management, encryption, security information management and anti-fraud protection, bringing trust to millions of user identities, the transactions that they perform, and the data that is generated. For more information, please visit [www.rsa.com](http://www.rsa.com) and [www.EMC.com](http://www.EMC.com)

### **About WidePoint**

WidePoint is a technology-based provider of products and services to the government sector and commercial markets. WidePoint specializes in providing systems engineering, integration and information technology services. WidePoint's wholly owned subsidiary, ORC, is at the forefront of implementing government-compliant eAuthentication identity management managed services and associated systems engineering/integration. ORC has earned four major U.S. federal government certifications offering the highest levels of assurance for transactions over the Internet.

WidePoint's profile of customers encompasses U.S. federal government agencies, including the Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice as well as major U.S. defense contractors and several major pharmaceutical companies. For more information, visit [www.widepoint.com](http://www.widepoint.com).

An investment profile about WidePoint may be found at [www.hawkassociates.com/wyyprofile.aspx](http://www.hawkassociates.com/wyyprofile.aspx).

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