

WidePoint's ORC Subsidiary Signs Contract with the Federal Trade Commission to Provide PIV End-to-End Managed Services

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Washington, D.C. -- WidePoint Corporation (AMEX: WYY) announced today its wholly owned subsidiary Operational Research Consultants, Inc. (ORC) signed a contract with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to provide end-to-end managed services in support of its Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HPSD-12) compliance.

Under this contract, ORC will prepare the engineering changes and documentation necessary for ORC's hosted PIVotal ID Card Management System (CMS), powered by the RSA® Card Manager, to interface with FTC databases. These databases will extract the appropriate data in accordance with the FTC business process for enrollment and requirements of FIPS-201, the Federal PKI Common Policy Framework (FPCPF). They will also allow the FTC to operate and maintain a PIV-managed service in accordance with FIPS-201.

This service will complement the existing business processes to enable FTC to manage the lifecycle of authentication credentials stored on the personal identity verification (PIV) smart chip-enabled device. The base period of the contract provides the FTC with initial setup, testing and deployment as well as eight months of end-to-end managed service. The contract also provides for four one-year options to upgrade and maintain full PIV end-to-end managed service for all FTC employees and contractors.

As one of only two U.S. government-approved external certificate authority vendors and the recent recipient of U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) FIPS 201 Approval, ORC is a well-established and trusted partner to U.S. federal agencies. ORC is currently the only provider of PIV-ready solutions, including a hosted validation service.

Steven Komar, CEO of Widepoint, said, "It is a privilege to provide the trusted services necessary to fulfill FTC's HSPD-12 requirements. We look forward to providing an efficient solution at an economy of scale that ORC is confident many agencies will embrace and appreciate."

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 several U.S. federal government agencies, including the Department of Defense, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice as well as several major U.S. defense contractors and pharmaceutical companies. For more information, visit www.widepoint.com.

An investment profile about WidePoint may be found at www.hawkassociates.com/wyyprofile.aspx.

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