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FiXs Positioned to be the First Network Capable of HSPD-12 Compliance

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Herndon, Virginia, November 29, 2005 - The Federation for Identity and Cross-Credentialing Systems (FiXs) announced today that it awarded contracts to a consortium of companies that will position the FiXs Network to be the first network capable of complying with Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12). The Federation is a not-for-profit consortium of companies, working in conjunction with the government, to provide end-to-end trusted identity management services. According to FiXs Co-Chair Mike Mestrovich, FiXs has entered into agreements with Northrop Grumman, EDS, and SRA International, Inc. Northrop Grumman will implement and operate the switch for the FiXs Network. EDS, SRA International, Inc. and Northrop Grumman will perform as Member Service Provider companies to provide identity management services utilizing the FiXs Network.

Mestrovich also said that FiXs intends to award Wells Fargo's WellsSecure® Identity Assurance Service a contract to provide business identity and background verification services to qualify new FiXs members.

FiXs will participate in an Industry Roundtable in conjunction with the E-Gov Institute's Security Conference and Exhibition, Wednesday, November 30, 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in Meridian D/E of the Ronald Reagan Building. For more information on the Security Conference, visit www.e-gov.com/events/2005/security.

“FiXs helps ensure that a person who wants to enter a secure facility can be trusted,” Mestrovich explained. “FiXs promotes trust by assuring that anyone with a FiXs ID has been screened and enrolled in the network in a uniform manner. We base our model on the financial networks that make it possible for one bank to trust another bank's customer in dispensing money from an ATM.”

The FiXs Network, a coalition of government contractors, companies, and not-for-profit organizations, provides services to qualified, commercial enterprises that need a

standardized, quick, and inexpensive way to authenticate trusted employees and repeat visitor workers who require access to security sensitive areas. FiXs will soon be capable of authenticating employees for access to computer systems. The FiXs Network is an authorized link to the Defense Cross-Credentialing Identification System (DCCIS).

A not-for-profit membership association, FiXs will initially service a pool of more than 100,000 commercial vendor companies whose employees require regular access to U.S. military facilities. FiXs provides federated identity management services to FiXs members, including:

- Member Enrollment and Equipment Integration. New members can use FiXs services for background checking and mass enrollment of their employees for credentialing purposes and integrating employee identity data into parent company human resources systems.
- Federated Authentication Transaction Processing. The FiXs Network securely routes biometric and demographic data, from parent company systems to manned guard stations, authenticating employees' corporate credentials, much like a credit card switch, without maintaining a central database of employee records.
- Branded Transactions. FiXs-branded transactions conform to a set of operating rules managed by the membership. Operating rules are updated on a continuous basis to conform to developing technical standards and relevant laws and regulations governing identity data security and privacy.
- Commercial Certification of HSPD-12 Credentials. In the future, FiXs credential issuing members can be certified to issue smart cards for logical and physical access authentication that conform to standards and processes associated with Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12.

The FiXs Network and services have undergone successful pilot testing for the past two years. FiXs roll-out of services will coincide with the global deployment of new physical access control procedures for civilians at U.S. military facilities worldwide.

FiXs is headquartered in Herndon, Virginia and is administratively affiliated with NACHA – The Electronic Payments Association. In addition to Northrop Grumman, EDS, and SRA International, FiXs members include BearingPoint; ChoicePoint; Data Systems Analysts, Inc.; Disaster Management Solutions, Inc.; EID Passport; Lockheed Martin, MAXIMUS, Inc.; NACHA – The Electronic Payments Association; SAIC; SRP; 3Factor; Unlimited New Dimensions, LLC; and Wave Systems Corp. For more information on FiXs, visit www.FiXs.org.