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## INDUSTRY DEMAND FOR INTEROPERABLE CREDENTIALING SOLUTIONS CAUSES INCREASE IN FIXS MEMBERSHIP

### *Organizations Join Federated Consortium to Extend Enhanced Identity Management Offerings to Customers*

**FAIRFAX, Va., February 8, 2007** – The Federation for Identity and Cross-Credentialing Systems (FiXs), a public-private partnership dedicated to building and deploying a secure, interoperable identity and cross-credentialing network, today announced a substantial increase in membership, adding five organizations to the consortium: Johnson Controls, Inc., Exostar, ActivIdentity, Little River Management Group and Imadgen.

In the wake of 9/11, there has been a significant rise in demand among public and private sector organizations for solutions that can assist to ensure the identities of employees, contractors and other authorized personnel accessing physical facilities and logical resources. The new member companies, which range from one-person consulting firms to members of the Fortune 500, joined FiXs and its coalition of members with the goal of extending FiXs-based identity management offerings to current and potential customers.

“Those companies considering FiXs membership recognize that in order to best meet the global demands of their customers, they must join forces with other identity management stakeholders, including government contractors, commercial companies and not-for-profit organizations,” says Michael Mestrovich, president of FiXs. “By leveraging access to the FiXs federated network and through collaboration with other organizations on broader identity management issues, our members can better offer their customers proven technologies, best practices, effective policies and economies of scale.”

Johnson Controls, Inc., one of the new FiXs members and global leader in interior experience, building efficiency and power solutions, now is working closely with other FiXs member organizations to implement the winning solution for a recent Commonwealth of Virginia First Responder Authentication Credential Program (FRAC). Johnson Controls leads the development of a Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12) Federated Identity Credentialing System issuing FRACs to more than 4,000 first responders in Virginia ([www.virginiafrac.com](http://www.virginiafrac.com)). Other FiXs members on the team include founding FiXs members Northrop Grumman Corporation and Electronic Data Systems Corporation (EDS). “The Johnson Controls Security Team is proud to be a member of the FiXs organization, sharing our security expertise with best-in-class industry partners who have a common goal of raising the bar of excellence.” said Gary Schworm, senior account manager and leader of the Virginia FRAC Team.

FiXs membership offers organizations an open forum for discussion of global identity management issues, policies and technologies, opportunities to collaborate with identity management thought leaders and the ability to leverage a secure, auditable network for authenticating credentials—one that saves money, guarantees personal data integrity and reduces liability. By 2008, FiXs expects to double its membership. For a current list of FiXs members, please visit: [www.fixs.org](http://www.fixs.org).

### **About FiXs**

Founded in 2004 and headquartered in Fairfax, Virginia, The Federation for Identity and Cross-Credentialing Systems (FiXs) is a coalition of government contractors, commercial companies and not-for-profit organizations whose mission is to establish and maintain a worldwide, interoperable identity and cross-credentialing network built on security, privacy, trust, standard operating rules, policies and technical standards. The FiXs network verifies and authenticates the identity of industry personnel seeking to enter military installations, government-controlled areas and commercial sites tied to the network, providing a trusted mechanism for federated identity infrastructure within and between public and private sector organizations.

The coalition currently has 23 member companies, including systems integrators, financial institutions and other organizations that want to promote improved workforce protection and systems security for critical infrastructure markets. The U.S. Department of Defense and General Services Administration are participating government organizations.

The FiXs Network is an authorized link to the U.S. Department of Defense Cross-Credentialing Identification System (DCCIS) and a joint recipient of the 2005 FCW Events Government Solution Center Pioneer Award for “Successful Public/Private Sector Partnership,” representing a premier example of a program managed collaboratively by government and non-government partners that tangibly improved government operations. For more information, visit [www.fixs.org](http://www.fixs.org).