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Aware Software Powers Biometrics-Enabled Visa Applicant Screening System

Canada deploys Aware-based solution that uses biometrics to improve screening of temporary visitors

BEDFORD, Mass., Oct. 21, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Aware, Inc. (NASDAQ: AWRE), a leading global provider of biometrics software and services, today announced that several Government of Canada departments and agencies have deployed Aware software as part of a new biometrics-enabled visa applicant screening tool. The tool uses biometrics to help screen applicants from certain countries who apply for a visitor visa, study permit or work permit. It helps to cross-reference the applicant's identity against existing criminal and immigration records. The tool utilizes Aware's Biometric Services Platform (BioSP™), as well as Universal Registration Client (URC) and related COTS APIs. BioSP is a modular, centralized, service-oriented application that is used to implement workflows and manage data exchange between the various government departments. URC is a biometric enrollment application that operates on hundreds of workstations at border checkpoints, consulates, and visa service centers globally to collect biometrics from potential visitors. Aware served as the principal subcontractor to Fujitsu Consulting (Canada) Inc. on the project.

"The new Canadian tool exploits the full capabilities of Aware's BioSP and URC products in terms of their robustness, functionality, and flexibility," commented Rob Mungovan, Vice President at Aware. "The project's success further establishes the products as a leading biometric visa applicant screening solution, and also illustrates their suitability for use by integrators to quickly deploy an advanced solution that meets specific customer requirements."

Aware will provide demonstrations of its software products in its booth at ICAO's [Ninth Symposium and Exhibition on Machine Readable Travel Documents \(MRTDs\), Biometrics, and Border Security](#) taking place October 22-24 in Montreal.

About Aware

Aware is a leading provider of biometrics software products and development services to governments, system integrators, and product suppliers globally. Aware's software is used to enable identity-focused security solutions with advanced image and data processing functionality for applications including border management, credentialing and access control, intelligence and defense, and law enforcement. Aware is a publicly held company (Nasdaq: AWRE) based in Bedford, Massachusetts.

See Aware's [website](#) for more information about our biometrics software products.

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