

AOptix Technologies and Aware, Inc. Provide DoD ABIS Compliance for InSight 2 Meter Iris Recognition System

Standards-based Solution Ready for Deployment within DoD Biometrics Infrastructure

CAMPBELL, Calif.--AOptix Technologies, Inc., (AOptix) (<u>www.aoptix.com</u>), a leading edge developer of advanced iris biometrics products and long-distance wireless optical communications solutions, today announced that AOptix and Aware, Inc. (Nasdaq: AWRE) have completed integration of AOptix's innovative InSight[™] 2 meter iris recognition system with Awa'æ URC[™] and BioSP[™] software products. Deployment ready, this solution provides compatibility of the InSight system and the Department c Defense's (DoD) Automated Biometric Identity System (ABIS) using the EBTS 1.2 standard.

Working at a nominal distance of 1.5 to 2.5 meters, the InSight system fully automates iris biometric image acquisition and provides consistent verification of a subject's identity in just 2 seconds. The system employs highly innovative adaptive optics technology that automatically finds the subject's face and eyes within a very large capture volume of over .75 cubic meters, making subject participation effortless. Complementing this focus on usability, the InSight system can be easily deployed in an enterprise environment due to its extensive use of open standards for biometrics and web services communications.

Aware's Universal Registration Client (URC) application provides an intuitive, customizable user interface for automated enrollment of iris, face, and fingerprint images as well as biographic information. Integration with Aware's Biometric Services Platform (BioSP), a service-oriented biometric application server, enables standardized communications and EBTS 1.2 compliant biometric record formatting. This allows DoD users to take full advantage of the advanced capabilities of the AOptix InSight in a variety of application settings with full assurance of compatibility with DoD's ABIS database.

"Aware is pleased to contribute off-the-shelf products to this innovative solution from AOptix," said Rob Mungovan, Vice President of the Advanced Products Group at Aware. "It leverages many years of experience supplying standards-based biometrics software to the DoD."

AOptix foresees strong growth in biometrics solutions employed by the DoD, which is one of the largest users of biometrics products and technologies in the world. The integration of the InSight system with Aware's software is currently undergoing final qualification testing by the DoD Biometrics Task Force.

"Gaining full compatibility with the DoD ABIS standard was essential to serving this very important customer across a full variety of applications," said Kevin Keipper, Director of Government Sales at AOptix. "Aware's software products provided us this essential compatibility with minimal effort on our part."

A demonstration can be seen at the Identity Protection and Management Exposition at the Hilton Hotel in Minneapolis, MN, from April 12th to 15th, 2010.

About AOptix Technologies

AOptix Technologies is a privately funded company founded in 2000. With core technology expertise in the application of advanced adaptive optics, it develops free space optical communications and iris biometrics based identification solutions for both government and commercial markets. For additional information, please see www.aoptix.com.

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