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Aware Provides Biometrics Software and Services for Three Large-Scale Border Management Systems

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BEDFORD, Mass., May 15, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Aware, Inc. (NASDAQ: AWRE), a global provider of biometrics and medical imaging software, today announced that it is providing biometrics software and services for three large-scale border management systems as a result of separate team-based project wins in Europe, the Middle East, and North America. In each case, Aware is subcontracted to provide system integrators with a full suite of COTS software development kits and configurable applications, including Universal Registration Client (URC), BioComponents[™], and Biometric Services Platform (BioSP[™]). Aware is also providing software engineering services to the prime contractors to help configure and integrate the software.

Aware software will be used on workstations globally to perform biometric enrolment for electronic visa systems. BioSP will provide the backend interface to existing watchlist check infrastructure and perform a variety of critical centralized functions, including workflow, data transcoding, reporting, and connectivity between disparate legacy government systems. The three systems vary in topology, scale, and transaction volume, but each utilize a wide range of Aware's highly modular and configurable COTS software components to enable an open architecture.

"These recent project wins demonstrate the utility of Aware's products for complex deployments, their ease-of-use by integrators, and their flexibility and range to support a variety of system requirements with a truly COTS-based open architecture," commented Rob Mungovan, Vice President of Aware's Biometrics and Imaging group. "Throughout twenty years in the biometrics industry, we have remained focused on providing a comprehensive portfolio of high-quality biometrics software products and exemplary technical support."

Aware will provide demonstrations of its software products in its stands at <u>Black Sea Defense & Aerospace 2012</u> taking place May 16-18 in Bucharest, and at <u>Security Document World</u> taking place May 21-23 in London.

About Aware

Aware is a leading software and technology supplier for the biometrics, telecommunications, and healthcare industries. Aware's <u>biometrics</u> software products and services are provided to solution vendors and system integrators for use by government agencies towards applications including border management, secure credentials, law enforcement, and national defense. Aware's <u>DSL Service Assurance</u> Group offers test and diagnostics software and hardware products that enable broadband service providers to manage their DSL networks. Aware also provides standards-based <u>medical imaging</u> software products to the healthcare industry. Aware is a publicly held company (Nasdaq: AWRE) based in Bedford, Massachusetts. <u>www.aware.com</u>

See Aware's website for more information about our biometrics software products.

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