



Aware Awarded TSA Contract to Provide Biometric Services Platform for Fingerprint System

BioSP(TM), a service-oriented biometric application server, will be used to submit fingerprints to the FBI for background checks of transportation workers

BEDFORD, Mass., Aug. 8, 2011 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Aware, Inc. (Nasdaq: AWRE), a global provider of imaging and biometrics software, today announced that it has won a competitive contract to provide the Transportation Security Administration ("TSA") of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security with a "COTS (commercial off-the-shelf) Fingerprints System" and associated installation support, training, and maintenance. The solution will utilize Aware's Biometric Services Platform (BioSP), a COTS, service-oriented biometric application server, to submit standard-compliant "EFTS" fingerprint records to the FBI for employee background checks, and provide a user interface to view results and generate reports.

BioSP will perform various required workflows and functions associated with the background check process, including acceptance of records in EFTS format from TSA-approved collection agents, validation of the compliance of records being submitted, receipt and proper distribution of FBI responses, and temporary storage of records during the background check process. BioSP includes a browser-based user interface, which will be used by authorized personnel to view background check results, generate reports, and other administrative tasks.

"BioSP is well suited for this project not only because it is truly a COTS product but also because of its rich user interface, easy-to-configure workflows, and advanced fingerprint processing capabilities," said Rob Mungovan, Vice President at Aware. "We are pleased to be expanding our relationship with TSA and to have the opportunity to deploy BioSP at another U.S. federal government agency."

[BioSP](#) is a highly modular, secure, service-oriented biometric application server product used by Aware customers globally to perform a wide variety of biometric tasks on a server. It offers a programmable workflow engine and several independent, a la carte software modules used for tasks such as image storage, transaction routing and management, fingerprint and facial image processing and quality checking, standards-compliant data formatting, biometric matching, and enrollment data quality reporting. BioSP includes a platform for configuration, distribution, and management of a client-based biometric enrollment application. BioSP is integrated with several third-party matchers for multimodal biometric search capability, as well as market-leading identity management and card management systems.

About Aware

Aware is a leading technology and supplier for the telecommunications and biometrics industries. Aware has pioneered innovations at telecommunications standards-setting organizations for DSL and networking. Telecom equipment vendors and phone companies use Aware's [DSL test and diagnostics modules](#) and [Dr. DSL® software](#) to provision and troubleshoot DSL circuits globally. Aware is also a veteran of the biometrics industry, providing [biometric](#) and [imaging](#) software components used in government systems worldwide since 1992. Aware's interoperable, standard-compliant, field-proven imaging products are used in a number of applications, from border management to criminal justice to medical imaging. Aware is a publicly held company (Nasdaq: AWRE) based in Bedford, Massachusetts. www.aware.com

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consultants to deliver certain services contract milestones. We refer you to the documents Aware files from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission, specifically the section titled Risk Factors in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 and other reports and filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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