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Winchester, MA, May 11, 2009. VirtualAgility Teams with IBM to Deliver Innovative Solutions for Defense and Public Safety. Announcing VirtualAgility's validation on the IBM Government Network Centric Operations Framework

VirtualAgility, specializing in strategic software solutions for large-scale public safety and private organizations, has successfully completed validation of its VirtualAgility OPS Center™ and VirtualAgility WorkCenter™ software for the Government NCO Framework. The Government NCO Framework provides a military-grade platform and architecture for transformation, interoperability, and integration in defense and public safety. Network-centric logistics, intelligence, and command and control are the fundamental capabilities in the framework. The use of a Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) strategy can help break down the barriers to siloed information, and link technology, processes, people and information to support situational awareness and informed decision-making.

The IBM Government NCO Framework initiative brings together platform-independent software vendors that deliver proven solutions designed and built for defense and public safety. Through this initiative, IBM works with select IBM Business Partners to validate solutions that meet a rigorous assessment of next-generation, open-standards-based environments.

VirtualAgility OPS Center (VOC), a Web 2.0 technology, provides users with a browser-accessible, "intelligent" portal that integrates plans and information from diverse organizations and data sources into a common view.

The patent-pending VirtualAgility WorkCenter, as a component of VOC or standing alone, can be used as a rapid application development platform. Pre-configured for industry verticals, it provides a user-defined common operational picture for improved planning and critical event management.

Built on IBM advanced technology, VirtualAgility software enables business users themselves to aggregate and integrate information into operationally relevant displays, to provide a gateway to enterprise applications and to facilitate collaboration and coordination among users at multiple sites.

VOC supports activities from top-level contingency planning to the most minor operations. It is the keystone of joint IBM/VirtualAgility installations in Missouri, New Jersey, Canada, and South Africa.

"There are increasing challenges to coordinating different organizations reacting to large-scale public safety events", said Jeff Rogers, Director IBM Public Sector Sales, "Virtual Agility and IBM are joining forces to enable different agencies to coordinate incident response across jurisdictions by exploiting IBM's NCO Framework and VirtualAgility OPS Center."

According to David Finch of the Missouri Emergency Response Information System (MERIS), “We used to respond to emergencies. Now we can manage them.”

VirtualAgility president Stuart Rudolph said: “Our collaboration with IBM has been productive from the beginning. Together, we’ve proven that traditional limitations to multi-jurisdictional interoperability can be overcome. More important, solutions needn’t be restricted to IT professionals but can be accessed and configured directly by planners, managers and responders through standard browsers.”

The combination of IBM advanced technologies and VirtualAgility’s ability to integrate multiple disparate data streams and applications--and then to present them in a user-configurable interface--has set an entirely new standard for information management in public safety environments. Given the critical nature of interagency collaboration in managing crises, the IBM-VirtualAgility alliance constitutes an invaluable resource at every level of government.

About VirtualAgility

VirtualAgility delivers easy-to-use, quick-to-configure Web 2.0 solutions for creating interoperability and business continuity in government and industry. With its robust line of SOA solutions, VA is helping customers meet the need for improved situational awareness and coordination within and among agencies. VirtualAgility solutions can be laid over existing “stovepipes” to create a common, integrated user view that doesn’t disrupt day-to-day operations. Using patent-pending VA technology, even the most disparate organizations can plan, prepare, train, respond, reset and recover on a single platform. These Net-Centric Operations Framework solutions represent the next level of collaboration and information sharing: true virtual agility.

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