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VIRTUALAGILITY TO DEMO J-OPS WORKCENTER AT STRONG ANGEL III

Boston, MA, August 15, 2006 — VirtualAgility will demonstrate a proven solution to the challenges of inter-agency crisis collaboration at Strong Angel III in San Diego in late August. Already in use by federal agencies, J-OPS WorkCenter™ blasts past paper-based plans, silo-d data and organizational boundaries to provide quickly deployed command and control capabilities in the event of natural or man-made disasters.

Strong Angel III, a cooperative demonstration conducted by public and private agencies, relief organizations and universities, will assume the context of a worldwide pandemic further complicated by terrorist cyber-attacks that cripple local infrastructure. Team members will conduct field trials and demonstrations of solutions that address 49 specific humanitarian relief challenges not yet adequately overcome in real disaster relief efforts.

According to president Stuart Rudolph, VirtualAgility will go straight to the crux of the problem, demonstrating how J-OPS WorkCenter enables an agency such as the Department of Homeland Security to respond swiftly and surely in crises of any scale.

With J-OPS WorkCenter, the joint operation center can instantly establish an environment supportive of real command, control and collaboration. An ad hoc network that overlays different IT systems, providing network benefits without requiring systemic changes that would be politically impossible in any case.

Just as important, by integrating users, data, tools and communications in a single, intuitive system, the agency breaks through the limitations and confusion of paper-based efforts.

1. Each participant understands his specific role in even the most complex undertaking and can readily find the resources he needs to implement his part of the plan.
2. Managers can monitor unfolding events and track the results of actions in real time. They can change plans as necessary and issue new directions that are propagated instantly through the network.

William Crowell, former Deputy Director of the National Security Agency, put it bluntly: "VirtualAgility is the information management and sharing technology the government needs."

Clearly, many agree with Crowell. According to Eric Rasmussen, MD, director of Strong Angel III and professor at San Diego State University: "In the wake of major incidents like the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Hurricane Katrina and the tsunami in Southeast Asia, it is more important than ever to have an integrated response when disaster strikes. Public-and private-sector engagement in Strong Angel III is at remarkable levels, underscoring the significance of the task at hand and the commitment of everyone involved to work together to maximize preparedness and coordination efforts."

Other demonstrations will include developing solutions for redundant power, adaptive communications, austere network communications, mobile workers, cross-organizational collaboration, mesh networking, satellite services, ephemeral workgroups, geospatial information systems, rapid assessment techniques, shared situational awareness, cyber-security, alerting tools, community informatics, machine-based translation for multi-lingual communication, and social network development

The core site for Strong Angel III will be the operations center at the San Diego Fire Department Fire Rescue Training Facility site, located at the former Naval Training Center near downtown San Diego. San Diego State University's Visualization Center will be a secondary location.

Strong Angel III sponsors include Bell Canada, Cisco Systems, CommsFirst, Microsoft, Save the Children, Sprint Nextel, the Naval Postgraduate School, and the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

About Strong Angel III

Strong Angel III is the third in a series of demonstrations that have taken place since 2000. The first two Strong Angel demonstrations were held in 2000 and 2004 in Hawaii associated with the joint Naval exercises called RIMPAC. The primary goals of Strong Angel III are to field-test and demonstrate effective means of delivering life-saving humanitarian relief in the wake of natural and man-made disasters, to foster close collaboration and communications between aid agencies, governments and military in providing disaster relief, to provide local communities with solutions that will help them cope with disasters more immediately and effectively, and to enable military forces to better prepare for and execute humanitarian relief efforts. Strong Angel III will issue a lessons-learned document on its website as soon as possible after conclusion of the demonstration. For more information on Strong Angel III and a listing of participating public- and private-sector organizations, please visit www.strongangel3.net.

About VirtualAgility

VirtualAgility's broad and robust line of WorkCenter solutions is meeting the need for improved situational awareness and coordination and control within and among agencies to organize, plan and track mitigation, preparation, response and recovery activities. To achieve a true level of virtual agility, WorkCenter can be overlaid onto existing "stovepipe" solutions without disrupting day-to-day operations or endangering data security. VirtualAgility WorkCenter delivers easy-to-use, quick-to-install solutions for creating interoperability and business continuity in government and industry.

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