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Capgemini Awarded Seven-Year Blanket Purchase Agreement with U.S Department of Agriculture

Capgemini to provide comprehensive ERP Independent Verification & Validation services[1]

Paris, October 7, 2010 – Capgemini Government Solutions LLC, a member of the Capgemini Group, one of the world's foremost providers of consulting, technology and outsourcing services, today announced it has been awarded a seven-year, $100 million (c. €73 million) blanket purchase agreement by the General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Systems Integration and Management Center (FEDSIM) in support of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide Independent Verification & Validation (IV&V) support services for enterprise resource planning (ERP) implementations agency-wide.

The USDA is seeking to modernize aging departmental and agency program application systems through a comprehensive Application Transformation and Modernization (ATM) program. Capgemini will provide IV&V services in support of ATM initiatives including Modernize and Innovate the Delivery of Agricultural Systems (MIDAS); the Financial Management Modernization Initiative (FMMI); the Budget and Performance Management System (BPMS); and Web Based Supply Chain Management (WBSCM).

The first intended use of the ATM IV&V support contract is by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), which aims to transform farm program benefit delivery through MIDAS. The process for providing benefits to farmers will be streamlined by replacing legacy systems with a public-facing, web-based system that integrates customer self-

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[1] *Independent Verification & Validation services* consist of entrusting verification and validation tasks to an entity independent from the development team. According to the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, verification and validation processes for projects such as the USDA ATM initiatives can be used to determine whether (1) the products of a given activity conform to the requirements of that activity and (2) the software satisfies its intended use and user needs. This determination may include analyzing, evaluating, reviewing, inspecting, assessing, and testing software products and processes. The verification and validation processes should assess the software in the context of the system, including the operational environment, hardware, interfacing software, operators, and users.

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service, farm program management, financial management and other business processes within a framework that is compliant with federal regulations.

"The USDA plays a pivotal role in keeping Americans safe and healthy, and this transformation will be instrumental in helping the agency carry out its mission," said Joe Moye, chief executive officer, Capgemini Government Solutions LLC. *"Capgemini's public sector industry experience, matched with its consulting and technology capabilities to support enterprise resource planning, will help enable the USDA to quickly modernize and execute the USDA's implementations while saving costs."*

These initiatives will be implemented using SAP AG's Systems, Applications and Products in Data Processing (SAP), which the USDA has mandated for ERP implementations. Capgemini will collaborate with 22 subcontractors to complete the project.

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