

## PRESS RELEASE

### Swan Island Networks and National Security Agency Launch Cooperative Security Architecture Project

Cooperative Research and Development Agreement to focus on the need for high-assurance information sharing systems for government use. This CRADA is sponsored by the Associate Director of National Intelligence and Chief Information Officer within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI).

**Portland, OR—August 18, 2006—***Swan Island Networks, Inc., a recognized leader in the design and deployment of next-generation trusted information exchange solutions, today announced the signing of a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with the Information Assurance Directorate (IAD) of the National Security Agency (NSA) to research and develop high-assurance information sharing solutions for use for government applications.*

"We're very excited that, under the terms of this CRADA, NSA will be working with us to help design systems to meet new information sharing challenges at the federal, state and local levels of government," says Charles Jennings, CEO of Swan Island Networks.

Swan Island's SWARM and SwitchGate architectures are core technologies for Connect & Protect, an Oregon system linking over 250 local "public safety stakeholder" organizations -- from first responders to hospital administrators to school officials. These same technologies are also enabling a new information sharing service, TIES™ (for Trusted Information Exchange Service), which Swan Island Networks launched recently in the Washington, DC region.

"Partnership with a capital "P" is the coin of the realm in today's net-centric environment," said Dick Schaeffer, NSA Information Assurance Director. "The reality of the matter is that the bulk of the IT infrastructure across which the business of government, of industry and the military is conducted belongs to the private sector, and those networks were never designed with the levels of assurance in mind that those institutions demand," he said. "NSA depends on commercial innovation to meet the future operational needs of our U.S. Government customers, and we work hand-in-hand with the industry through technology transfer initiatives of this sort to improve the assurance levels of emerging technologies that may lend themselves to wider U.S. Government, or private sector applications."

The Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (15 U.S.C. 3710a) authorizes federal agencies to permit Directors of government-operated federal laboratories to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with a federal or non-federal entity, including a state or local government, college and university, corporation, sole proprietorship, and trade association, for the purpose of broadening the U.S. technological base by disseminating and making available new knowledge from a Government research laboratory for the development of new products and technologies.

This CRADA is sponsored by the Associate Director of National Intelligence and Chief Information Officer within the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). This arrangement is expected to further the robust development of Last Mile of Intelligence Techniques (LMIT) as a proof of concept initially and subsequently as potential technology for maximizing shared access to information across the Intelligence Community as envisioned and directed by Congress in the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.

### **About Swan Island Networks**

Swan Island Networks' mission is to connect our nation's public safety stakeholders in highly effective, cross-organizational, Internet-based information sharing systems that help protect our families, our communities, and our nation. Swan Island's SWARM technology was rated as a "Top Performer" in the world's largest joint military exercise, JWID, in 2004. The company's flagship software, SWARM®, is the foundation technology for the expanding Oregon Connect & Protect™ trusted information exchange program offered through the RAINS public/private coalition, and hailed as a 'radical breakthrough' by WIRED Magazine (December 2005).

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