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PINpoint for BlackBerry® Successfully Completes Testing Under FEMA's NIMS STEP Program

Toronto, June 15, 2010 –Tenet Computer Group Inc. is proud to announce that the evaluation of its PINpoint software under the US **Federal Emergency Management Agency's** (FEMA) **NIMS STEP** program has completed successfully.

PINpoint for BlackBerry® is an enterprise emergency preparedness and response application that leverages BlackBerry smartphones to facilitate communications and coordinated action.

A comprehensive, 48-page evaluation report is posted on FEMA's **Responder Knowledge Base** website (www.RKB.us), which provides government officials and other end users with access to evaluated products and results. A 3-page summary report is also available at <https://www.rkb.us/search.cfm?query=pinpoint>



NIMS, the **National Incident Management System** (www.fema.gov/emergency/nims) provides a systematic, proactive approach to guide departments and agencies at all levels of government, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector to work seamlessly to prevent, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity, in order to reduce the loss of life and property and harm to the environment.

FEMA's **NIMS Supporting Technology Evaluation Program** (www.NIMSSSTEP.org) provides an objective evaluation of commercial and government software and hardware products to assist in the implementation of NIMS. Evaluation activities are designed to expand technology solutions and provide the emergency response community with an objective process to evaluate their purchases. The NIMS criteria assessment is conducted by assessors with knowledge and extensive experience in the areas of emergency response and management.

A comprehensive evaluation of PINpoint for BlackBerry® was conducted in early March at the NIMS Support Center (NIMS SC) in Somerset, Kentucky. The NIMS SC is equipped to evaluate products that support emergency managers/responders in decision making prior to and during an incident. According to the evaluation report, *PINpoint is consistent with NIMS criteria and applies to all Emergency Support Functions and all hazards, natural and manmade.*

“This is a very important milestone for us”, remarked Rick Jordan, Tenet’s Director of Mobility Sales & Alliances, “as it will enhance our ability to expand our presence in US federal and state agencies, as well as NGOs and private sector organizations. We greatly appreciate the support we received from our partners, in particular **Research in Motion** and **AT&T.**”

“BlackBerry smartphones, and the infrastructure that supports them, make them ideal tools for emergency management and continuity of operations”, noted Carlos Paz-Soldan, Tenet’s President and Chief Technology Officer. “Using PINpoint, organizations can implement plans that adhere to NIMS principles and follow ICS/IMS best practices, and they can do this in a very cost effective manner.”

In a nutshell, PINpoint:

- *Collects information* – from internal or external authoritative sources, including BlackBerry Servers, corporate Directory, content servers, XML web services (including CAP alerts and EDXL messages), RSS feeds, etc.
- *Organizes it* – into lists of contacts and collections of documents presented as BlackBerry channels
- *Targets it* – based on organizational roles, NIMS/ICS functions, geography, language, etc.
- *And delivers it* – on schedule, on command, on demand, or invoked by systems or processes
- *To mobile users* – directly into the cache memory of enterprise-activated BlackBerry smartphones
- *Automatically* – easy set-and-forget configuration for preparedness phase and proactive operation during response phase.



“We were impressed by the level of professionalism of the SAIC/NIMS SC staff, as well as the experience and knowledge of the subject matter experts that were flown in from various States to conduct the assessment”, said Paz-Soldan. “Their comments and feedback have been invaluable, and have been incorporated in our product roadmap. The **NIMS STEP** program is a win-win for practitioners, providers, responders, and the communities they serve.”

About Tenet Computer Group Inc.

Established in 1984, Tenet Computer Group Inc. is a Toronto-based provider of information technology solutions for government, hospitals and corporate clients around the world.

Tenet’s mobile applications are also available under the US government’s GSA contract, as well as through partners in several countries.



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