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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPLOYS FAST ESP SOLUTION TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Enterprise Search Solution to be Deployed on a Local, State, Regional and Federal Levels

OSLO, Norway and JACKSON, MI — 20 April 2005 — Fast Search & Transfer™ (FAST™), the leading developer of enterprise search and real-time alerting technologies, today announced that the District of Columbia's Office of the Chief Technology Office (DC OCTO) has signed an agreement with m2Dynamics, LLC (m2D) to deploy the FAST Enterprise Search Platform (FAST ESP™) as the search standard across the District of Columbia's entire IT infrastructure. m2Dynamics is a public sector Value Added Reseller (VAR) of FAST's scalable enterprise search solutions.

“The deployment of FAST ESP across the District of Columbia's entire IT infrastructure demonstrates yet again the proven capabilities that our powerful enterprise search solutions provide in terms of flexibility and the ability to scale,” commented Ali I. Riaz, FAST's chief operating officer. “The m2Dynamics team has been able to rapidly deliver a search platform solution that will enable the District of Columbia to find a wider variety of information within a faster, fresher, and more relevant search experience – all at an exceptional value. The m2Dynamics team's vision and exceptional ability to execute in installing our robust FAST ESP solutions will allow FAST to further its presence and leadership in the public sector.”

FAST's search platform solution will provide immediate results for the District of Columbia's IT infrastructure by enabling enhanced service levels, interoperability, and secure accessibility to information within the initiatives currently being pursued by the DC OCTO in areas including Administration, Public Safety, Justice, and Planning.

“The award of this DC OCTO contract and the establishment of FAST ESP as the search standard for the District of Columbia positions both m2Dynamics and FAST as key drivers of search initiatives within the areas of Public Safety, including the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) current and projected initiatives on a local, state, regional and federal level,” said James A. Jensen, m2D's President. “We're pleased to establish this relationship with the DC OCTO, as they are widely recognized for instituting some of the most innovative best practices in the National Capital Region as well as with the DHS.”

FAST has transformed enterprise search from a powerful, yet narrowly perceived function, into an enterprise-wide strategic and tactical capability of pivotal importance. FAST ESP and FAST's portfolio of solutions and SDAs supply a complete information retrieval solution ideal for a growing number of key vertical markets and applications including e-Commerce and Internet Portals; Financial Services; Government; Life Sciences; Media and Publishing; and Telecom. For FAST, the search never stops.

About m2Dynamics, LLC

m2Dynamics (www.m2dynamics.com) is a value added reseller of the products and services of FAST, targeting certain Public Safety applications of the Public Sector. Headquartered in Jackson, MI, m2Dynamics has offices in Dover, NH and Reston VA, and maintains significant integration teaming relationships with a variety of geographically based partners.

About FAST

FAST creates the real-time search and filter technology solutions that are behind the scenes at the world's best known companies with the most demanding search problems. FAST's flexible and scalable integrated technology platform elevates the search capabilities of enterprise customers and connects people to the relevant information they seek regardless of medium. This drives revenues and reduces total cost of ownership by effectively leveraging IT infrastructure. FAST's powerful enterprise search technology solutions are used by more than 1,500 global customers and partners, including America Online (AOL), AT&T, Cardinal Health, CareerBuilder.com, Chordiant, CIGNA, CNET, Dell, Factiva, Fidelity Investments, Findexa, FirstGov.gov (GSA), IBM, Knight Ridder, LexisNexis, Overture, Rakuten, Reed Elsevier, Reuters, Sensis, Stellant, Tenet Healthcare, Thomas Industrial Networks, T-Online, US Army, Virgilio (Telecom Italia), Vodafone, and Wanadoo.

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