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*Only Corporation in Memphis to Receive Esteemed Certification Recognizing
Compliance with International Security Standards*

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--Cook Systems International, Inc., a leading provider of Information Technology solutions and services for Fortune 1000 companies and government entities, today announced that it has received the ISO 27001 certification (International Standards Organization). Cook Systems International's delivery centers for technology solutions were awarded the ISO 27001 certification by the British Standards Institute (BSI), earning one of the highest certifications from one of the world's leading management systems registrars.

According to a report issued by ACNielsen, there are 5,797 companies certified for ISO 27001 in 64 countries. While a majority of companies are certified for work outside of the United States, less than 75 companies in the U.S. have been awarded the critical, leading-edge ISO 27001 certification. Other notable companies in the U.S. having received the award for technology standards include EDS, SAP, Sun Microsystems, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Xerox.

The International Standards Organization (ISO), creates stringent and rigorous standards that specify worldwide requirements for products, services, processes, materials, and systems. ISO 27001 is the new international standard created specifically for Information Security Management Systems (ISMS). Many companies hold a much earlier version of the standard, ISO 9000, which speaks to the quality of information management systems. However, the ISO 27001

standard also speaks to data integrity, especially as it pertains to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Providers outside of the U.S., for instance, may be less interested in it. The ISO 27001 certification, however, is currently the only internationally accepted certificate of information security.

Cook Systems International takes great pride in being the first company to receive the ISO 27001 certification in Memphis and the first in the U.S. to receive the ISO 27001 certification in its industry sector. This certification demonstrates how Cook Systems International has put priority in Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) so as to protect their customers' business information.

Cook Systems International competes with markets where ISO 27001 certification is critically important, such as India and China. Having the same certification as many of these offshore providers gives Cook Systems International a unique advantage onshore.

Cook Systems International also announced today that it has partnered with a leading provider of offshore outsourcing, which also holds the ISO 27001 level certification and CMM Level 5 quality standard. The partnership

enables Cook Systems International to tap into global resources for utilizing development and testing teams offshore in order to benefit from continuous, on-demand staffing across domestic and offshore outsourcing locations.

Cook Systems International's clients, the majority of whom are large corporations and governments, require ongoing assurance that their data is not at risk in order to help comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires companies to develop an information security management system that is integrated, comprehensive, and incorporates widely recognized best practices. ISO 27001 is a step toward effecting and demonstrating compliance with this legislation.



Pictured from left to right with the ISO 27001 certificate are Jim Fletcher (Chief Operating Officer), Wayne Cook (Chief Executive Officer), and Ben Bryant (President).

“As an acknowledged leading solutions company and a premier provider of technology services, Cook Systems International has a longstanding commitment to applying the best standards and practices for safeguarding the integrity, availability, and confidentiality of our clients’ data,” said Wayne Cook, CEO of Cook Systems International. “Achieving the ISO 27001 certification serves as confirmation that Cook Systems International continues to meet the industry’s most stringent security standards for the benefit of our client partners and surpass the standards and capabilities of our competition both on and offshore.”

As Cook Systems International continues to position itself on the leading edge of technology solutions, its recent certification recognizes the company’s adoption of an effective information security system standard that complies and exceeds with established international standards. Cook Systems International has established a solid foundation to build best practices in data protection in 2008 and beyond. As part of this commitment, Cook Systems International will leverage its stringent risk management strategies in the design, implementation, and maintenance of an advanced information security management systems.



About Cook Systems International

Founded in 1994 and headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee, Cook Systems International is a leading provider of Information Technology solutions and services for complex business communication and information management. With more than 200 associates throughout the United States, Cook Systems International’s solutions and services include Managed Services, the CollegeCareerCorps®, Software Testing, Professional Staffing, Program and Project Management, Outsourced Software Development and Maintenance Projects, Change Management, and Business Process Consulting.

For more information about Cook Systems International, visit www.cooksys.com.