

1. If your organization uses authentication software, which ONE policy is MOST IMPORTANT to enforce?

Employees in information systems: 13%

Employees in other departments: 13%

Employees in other departments: 6.5%

Employees in other departments: 0.0%

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CALIFORNIA

The City of Burbank, CA, has implemented the BlueSecure 1100 Controller from Bluesocket, Inc., of Waltham, MA, to authenticate users and control session limits and bandwidth for its free wireless Internet hotspot that spans approximately one square mile and covers the entire downtown area. Included in the Wi-Fi coverage area is every major downtown street, sidewalk, bench, café, office and retail store. Bluesocket's BlueSecure 1100 Controller manages every single inquiry that enters in and out of the network. Its policy management feature forces users to read and acknowledge their acceptance of the acceptable user policy. It also provides a granular level of detail on bandwidth usage enabling the City of Burbank to control and monitor users to ensure the network is running at an optimal level. In the future, Burbank will look to implement VPN connectivity and a mesh network for its city employees. The city also has plans to eventually migrate to Bluesocket's 2100 Controller as user demand increases.

COLORADO

Stanley Security Solutions, Inc., of Indianapolis, IN, has landed a contract with the city of Colorado Springs, CO, for its Enterprise Wide Security Enhancement project. The three-year deal requires Stanley to design, develop, install and service a suite of integrated access control and security solutions for the city's merged network of utility and energy installations. The project's scope includes the city's entire energy infrastructure including office/warehouse facilities, wastewater facilities, electricity transmission and distribution sites and electric and gas plants. Included will be security components such as access control, closed circuit TV, digital video recording, networking and fiber optics, credential management/photo ID systems, electronic door hardware and perimeter site protection including fencing, outdoor sensors and photoelectric beams.

NORTH DAKOTA

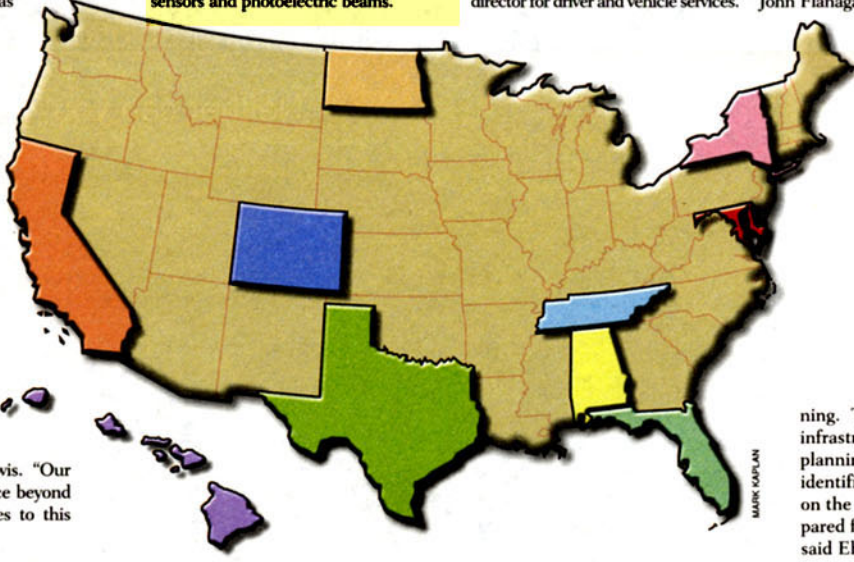
The North Dakota Department of Transportation has handed a five-year contract to Viisage, of Billerica, MA, to design and implement a new secure state driver's license credentialing solution to be deployed beginning in July 2006. The offering will use advanced security features, a new application and card printers. Secured credentials will be created in 28 permanent and 16 portable sites around the state of North Dakota. The contract includes options for two one-year extensions. "I am pleased with [Viisage's] integrated credentialing offering — including the end-to-end solutions capabilities — that will enable us to progressively add further key features to meet standards set by the REAL ID Act," said Keith Magnusson, North Dakota deputy director for driver and vehicle services.

NEW YORK

The Kings Park School District has teamed with the Cyberlux Corp., of Durham, NC, to complete a pilot project that uses next-generation LED solid-state emergency lighting. Cyberlux had installed the emergency lighting system in Kings Park High School's emergency situation room, via a \$10,000 grant from the state legislature. The lighting is intended to help accommodate community needs in the aftermath of natural disasters, terrorist attacks, electric grid failures and other events that could cause widespread electrical blackouts. LEDs are durable and energy efficient, as well as being cool to the touch, and last 100 times longer than traditional incandescent lights. "While the community is watching the devastation and recovery efforts by recent hurricanes elsewhere, it is important to plan ahead for how we can better prepare our communities for a disaster that can strike here in New York with widespread power outages for days or even weeks," said New York State Senator John Flanagan, who helped secure the grant.

TEXAS

eLinear, Inc., of Houston, TX, and its subsidiary Tanseco Systems have landed a \$200,000 project to provide a physical infrastructure solution to the Fort Worth Transportation Authority. The FWTA is funding the project via a grant from the Department of Homeland Security. "This agreement is a significant win and a tribute to the good work and reputation our Tanseco subsidiary has garnered throughout Texas," said eLinear president and CEO Michael Lewis. "Our hope is to expand our presence beyond physical infrastructure services to this new customer."



MARYLAND

Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich has unveiled the All Hazards Consortium (AHC), an offshoot of the All Hazards Forum, a regional conference that brought together industry, universities and the state homeland security and emergency management and citizen leadership from the mid-Atlantic region. The AHC is aimed at increasing the region's preparedness by allowing emergency management entities to share strategies and integrate planning. The group will look into critical infrastructure protection and evacuation planning and will work on challenges identified by the forum. "We are focused on the common goal of getting better prepared for natural disasters and terrorism," said Ehrlich.

HAWAII

Valencia, CA-based Delta Scientific Corp.'s automated, linear gates are being used to protect piers at Naval Station Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. The gates serve as a protective barrier between terrorists and the port's assets. "The Navy installed this barrier system in order to provide an adequate level of force protection while maintaining a high level of efficiency on the piers," said Andrew Iuvale, antiterrorism director of Navy Region Hawaii. "Before the Delta SC3000 gates were installed, as one approached they came upon a swing gate guarded by a sentry. It was the sentry's responsibility exclusively to assess and then grant or deny access. For a bad guy to access the piers, they only had to overcome the sentry."

ALABAMA

Governor Bob Riley earlier this month turned over the keys to a new emergency vehicle to the city of Tusculumbia donated by the Alabama Department of Homeland Security and to be used in Northwest Alabama. The state is giving eight of the interoperable communications vehicles to communities across Alabama. The vehicle was built by Quantum Research, Inc., of Huntsville, AL, and cost \$307,745.

FLORIDA

Wakulla County, FL, has a new emergency notification service provided by www.wakulla.com and the Wakulla County Sheriff's Department. The system, *Wakulla Alert*, will let the sheriff department and the division of emergency management a way to communicate with county residents and landowners via e-mail. It is designed to provide alerts about emergencies such as fire, floods, hurricane preparedness, manmade and natural disasters, and missing person alerts. The service is free and registration is easy. Residents can sign up by visiting www.wakulla.com and entering names and e-mail addresses in the "Newsletter & Alerts" module, then selecting "Wakulla Emergency Notification."

TENNESSEE

The National Safe Skies Alliance has opened a perimeter security testing facility at the McGhee Tyson Airport in Knoxville. The facility includes a 400-foot stretch of chain link barrier fence, which is an outdoor lab to evaluate new ways to detect intruders before they can do any harm, as part of a project for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). The TSA is investing in fencing, gates, concrete barriers, increased patrols and high-tech monitoring systems, which can be tested at the laboratory in a real airport environment. The facility has a secure command center for remote monitoring, closed circuit day/night cameras with infrared illumination, digital video recording capability from atop 30-foot high poles and a programmable logic controller for live data collection.