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mLINQS Releases reloLINQ System For Paperless Government Relocation

mLINQS, LLC has released its first in-house developed software system under the brand name "reloLINQ." This application is designed to fully automate the complex federal relocation process. mLINQS is positioning reloLINQ as the first product of its kind to incorporate leading-edge technology, with both XML and ASCII interfaces for existing financial, travel card and human resources systems in accordance with governmentwide standards for eTravel Standard Data Output files - while automating federal relocation expense management from end-to-end.

"The federal government is the world's largest market for relocation services," said Greg McIntyre, mLINQS President. "Civilian agencies permanently relocate roughly 40,000 people each year at a cost per move of about \$50,000 or \$2 billion. And although the cost to relocate a service member in the Defense Department by their nature is significantly less per move, DoD relocates 900,000 every year. Therefore, controlling and tracking costs with greater efficiencies of scale is a critical budget consideration.

"The challenge to vendors in the private sector has been to design a system that addresses complex government regulations, relocation-specific expenses that extend beyond normal travel parameters; ease of use, and of course, a rapid return on investment. A number of companies have reworked products that employ older non-federal, financial, or travel applications in an attempt to force-fit them for federal relocation. mLINQS has taken what we think is a more logical approach - to optimize the user's experience, while delivering a product that automates the entire spectrum of relocation in full compliance with government regulations.

"To accomplish this, we developed a totally new product, built from the ground up solely for government relocation. What government relocation experts have said they need in such an application became the driving force as we designed reloLINQ. This is an important day for our company and every member of our team. Their reward will be fully realized when we're able to report that reloLINQ is the

benchmark for paperless government relocation. That's our goal, and we intend to achieve it as soon as possible in short order."

The General Services Administration (GSA) recently awarded contracts for the eTravel Service (eTS), one of the Administration's primary e-Government initiatives. mLINQS was originally formed in 2003 as an integrator to provide services that optimize the implementation of eTS. Subsequently, after identifying the need to close the loop on government travel and expense management with the addition of a relocation product, and with no acceptable comprehensive system available in the marketplace, mLINQS developed reloLINQ in-house. The impressive list of features in reloLINQ v1.0 that address stated government needs including:

- *Compliance with the eTS initiative*
- *Federal Enterprise Architecture (FEA) compliance*
- *Compliant with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act for Electronic Information Technology Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities*
- *Web-based, built on leading-edge .NET Microsoft technology*
- *Standard and ad hoc management reports*
- *Custom configuration*
- *Auto tax computations*
- *Cash advance computations*
- *Supports split reimbursement methods*
- *Full support for implementation, training and Help Desk functionality*
- *Simple, cost-effective interface with existing government financial, travel card and human resources systems*
- *Cost-effective upgrades*
- *Measurable rapid return on investment*

"GSA has done a remarkable job in bringing the eTravel initiative to fruition," said McIntyre.

"All too often, federal staffers don't get the credit they deserve for their accomplishments. In this case, it's time for the private sector to step- up to the plate and show we're willing to invest the resources to merge an equally innovative relocation system into the mix. I believe our mLINQS team has done just that, and we're going to hit a home run with reloLINQ."