



## NEWS RELEASE

### **mLINQS To Help Federal Customers Meet OMB Deadline For Relocation Expense Reporting**

**FAIRFAX, VA – (July 9, 2009)** – mLINQS, LLC today announced the company is completing an enhancement to its moveLINQ software system that will help its federal agency customers to meet the August 14, 2009 deadline set by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to report on relocation cost and management data.

In a Budget Data Request (BDR) memorandum issued July 6, 2009, OMB set the deadline to help it assess the availability and validity of cost data, support agency budget requests, and evaluate the reasonableness of federal policies concerning employee relocation costs and program management. The BDR requires agencies to report actual costs for FY 2008, projected costs for FY 2009, and estimated costs for FY 2010.

Originally released in 2004, moveLINQ<sup>®</sup> is the first and only fully functional relocation expense management system developed exclusively for government. It is currently used to support relocation for more than 30 civilian agencies.

According to mLINQS president Greg McIntyre, “The new moveLINQ BDR enhancement will enable our customers to generate a report conforming to OMB’s 2008 requirement with not much more effort than a few mouse clicks. All of their historical data for 2009 is also available, which should help our users to project this year’s spend, and estimate a budget for 2010.

“We’ll release the enhancement soon, and this will allow customers to easily meet the August 14 filing deadline.” The new software will self-install to existing moveLINQ systems, and is being provided at no additional cost.

In its memorandum, OMB cited a Congressional inquiry seven years ago that began raising concerns about the costs associated with government relocation, and the apparent lack of available data to enable cost controls. There is in place a statute, 5 U.S.C. 5707(c), and a Federal Travel Regulation (FTR), 41 CFR 300-70.1, requiring federal agencies to maintain data on relocation activities that can be reported to the General Services Administration. According to OMB, “data collection on a governmentwide basis has not occurred since 2004,” which coincides with the date of the previous OMB relocation BDR.

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