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AMICUS ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF "LICENSE-FREE" COURT CASE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

Canton, Ohio – September 29, 2008 - The Amicus Group, Inc. (TAG) announces the introduction of an open system, license free, comprehensive court case management framework known as the "Amicus Application Toolkit". The Toolkit includes a database model, business logic, and interface components that are configurable to provide a truly customizable solution that is owned by the client.

"The Amicus Group provides a unique opportunity for courts and justice agencies to develop and own a world-class integrated system without the traditional expense of license fees and perpetual support and maintenance charges," said Amicus' President and Managing Director Peter T. Zackaroff.

Mr. Zackaroff continued: "Large courts, therapeutic courts and courts with complex processes or high-volume data entry requirements have had to compromise in order to accommodate Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) solutions. The expected advantage of buying a solution rapidly evaporates when extensive modifications are required to "shoehorn" a system that really doesn't fit the court's needs.

Managing Director and CTO, David B. Crawford added: "The case management software market is struggling to define and deliver the next generation of software applications. The question of whether this is a custom market or COTS market is open for discussion and warrants careful examination."

The foundation of the TAG approach is the belief that the traditional CMS business model impedes the realization of a long-term return on investment by the courts. As new technologies provide a potential competitive advantage, early adopters race to market, creating perceived obsolescence, forcing the abandonment of legacy architectures. This "retool-sunset" cycle has created a tightrope that no vendor has successfully walked. The result is a continuing cycle of mutual dissatisfaction.

THE SOLUTION

The Toolkit enables the client to design an independent, stable, functional and long-lasting court management system.

The solution consists of a set of business libraries, services and extendable application data model that are the basis for the development of National Information Exchange Model-(NIEM) compliant enterprise case management architecture. This framework constitutes a repository of business functions and services. These business libraries and their individual classes may be extended, overridden and expanded based on the context and requirements of the implementation.

The application architecture is developed following a standard tier or layered approach. This provides for better scalability and support of the overall service-oriented architecture (SOA). The application is developed following a standard three-tier structure made up of a presentation layer, business layer and a persistence or database layer. The

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development of the various layers will also follow design patterns for session, state management serialization, and for support of a clustered deployment of the application.

The Toolkit's Web-based application architecture includes the following layers:

Presentation Layer

The presentation layer will be developed as a browser-based solution following standard design practices of using style sheets for managing the presentation elements of the application. Along with a published application style guide, this approach insures that the XHTML/HTML will contain content only. This method provides for a consistent presentation and provides for support for multiple media methods (i.e. browser, handheld devices, etc). This also allows for management of the network bandwidth requirement based on limited page size of the markup and cache of artifacts.

Business Layer

The business layer contains all the relevant business logic for the application and shall be developed as set of core object libraries, implementing the Toolkit. This set of core functions may constitute the business layer of the overall application architecture. This approach promotes code reuse and insures that the same application business logic is available to the various layers of the application, including the presentation layer and web services.

Persistence/Database Layer

The persistence or database layer is essentially the application database. This contains the relevant application data stored within the relational data module defined for the application. The persistence interaction performs the create, read, update, and delete (CRUD) functions within the database. The object relational road mapping from the object module of the application to the relational module of the application is performed within this layer.

PHOENIX APPLICATION MODERNIZATION SERVICES (PAMS)

The Toolkit also facilitates the group's application modernization initiative, known as Phoenix Application Modernization Services (PAMS). PAMS migrates legacy software applications to modern architectures. Applications developed in DB2/Cobol, Informix, Sybase, and others can be transformed into multi-tiered applications based on a Java/J2EE or .NET architecture. PAMS takes the key mainframe attributes and disciplines and merges them to an open systems environment, including SOA capabilities.

PAMS provides the following advantages over traditional CMS COTS offerings:

- Preserves mainframe investment
- Leverages institutional knowledge and technical skills in a true vendor partnership
- Reduces cost of ownership as hardware and software license fees and maintenance costs are eliminated or significantly lowered
- Increases manageability, scalability, reliability, and performance
- Preserves business rules minimizing the need for user retraining
- Enables rapid deployment and minimizes disruption and business risk
- Modernization is quicker and less expensive than rewriting the application
- Preserves IP rights and grants source code rights

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PAMS also provides the ability to integrate “best-of -breed” functionality including:

- Google-like searches
- User-defined customized result elements
- Batch Processing
- Public Access
- Judicial Dashboards
- NIEM and GJXDM compliant data exchanges
- e-Justice solution suites

THE TAG APPROACH – WE ADD VALUE NOT COST

The Amicus Group is a team of experienced justice and case management system integrators providing professional and technical services to the courts, justice agencies and the court vendor community.

TAG practitioners are recognized experts with the skill and experience to help complete your project on time and on budget. They are front-line veterans of over 200 of the most demanding and successful case management implementations in the United States over the last 10 years.

The TAG approach allows you to reach out for the right resources at the right time. From custom solutions to imaging and workflow our comprehensive service offerings enable you to design, develop, and implement the right solution to meet your objectives.

Headquartered in Canton, Ohio, Amicus was founded by David B. Crawford and Peter T. Zackaroff. Practice Leaders include Rob Berringer- Director of Enterprise Architecture, Foluso Fayomi- Director of Implementation Services, Casey Kiel-Director of Court Services, Zoilo Pedrozo-Director of Solution Services, and Ken Pringle-Director of Technical Services. For further information please visit our website at www.amicusfotc.com.

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