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Crimestoppers signs for ABM's confidential information recording system

National crime-fighting charity signs Information in Confidence contract

Nottingham, 10 August 2010 – Independent crime-fighting charity, Crimestoppers, has partnered with ABM in a five-year agreement for Information in Confidence (IIC), part of the *abmpegasus*[™] suite of cutting-edge covert management tools. *abmpegasus* IIC will help the charity with the confidential recording of anonymous national and international information tip offs from members of the public, and tip offs from employees of partner organisations. *abmpegasus* IIC will enable Crimestoppers to keep track of the provenance of anonymous information while meeting regulatory compliance and discharging duty of care before being passed over to law enforcement agencies & partner organisations.

Crimestoppers has played a vital role in helping law enforcement agencies with the fight against crime and making the UK's streets and communities safer for over two decades. The charity's unique service operates a 24/7 telephone number (0800 555 111) and website www.crimestoppers-uk.org which members of the public can use to pass on information about crimes, confident in the knowledge that the entire process remains anonymous.

Dave Cording, Crimestoppers' director of operations, said: "Anonymity is the critical cog in the entire Crimestoppers initiative, and without it, many criminals would never have been caught. Since the charity launched 22 years ago, over 100,000 people have been arrested and charged because of the information we have received. With the number of people contacting us continuing to increase, we wanted a system that processed information quickly without compromising quality. ABM's recording system is also compatible with our stakeholders such as police forces which means the transfer of information is more efficient."

Alastair Luff, managing director of ABM adds: "In addition to the information the public give Crimestoppers in their fight against crime, the adaptable nature of *abmpegasus* IIC allows for access control and terminology to be configured according to Crimestoppers' specific requirements. Pop-up help boxes make the data fields very user-friendly helping to reduce the need for specific software training.



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“With implementation having commenced in June, Crimestoppers use of *abmpegasus* IIC is expected to go live during September 2010. We are delighted to be working with such a well-known charity that plays such an important role in Britain.”

“Explicitly designed to simplify covert policing processes by reducing bureaucracy and administration, the *abmpegasus* suite offers maximum flexibility and sophisticated functionality through a user friendly interface. The complete solution encompasses Source Management, Information in Confidence, Protected Persons, Communications, Surveillance and Debrief to provide an integrated approach to managing covert operations.



About ABM:

ABM is a leading supplier of secure software solutions designed to improve the management of information and collaborative working by developing best of breed solutions in partnership with customers to meet the unique requirements of the law enforcement and investigation markets. Key software applications cover covert operations, information management as well as case and investigation management. ABM's intelligence-led applications comply with national standards and enable customers to gain substantial time saving and financial benefits. Customers include leading police forces from around the world and investigation teams of major commercial organisations. For more information, visit ABM at <http://www.abmsoftware.com>

About Crimestoppers

Crimestoppers is an independent charity which helps the police to solve crimes, making communities safer. It does this by operating the 24/7 telephone number 0800 555 111 which people can ring to pass on information about crimes anonymously. They can also use our 'giving information' form via our website www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Around 21 people are arrested and charged every day as a result of information given to Crimestoppers. One person every nine days is charged with murder.

Since Crimestoppers began in 1988, it has received over 1.1 million actionable calls, resulting in 100,000 arrests and charges. Over £112 million worth of goods has been recovered and over £189 million worth of drugs.

Crimestoppers UK was founded by Lord Ashcroft, KCMG, Chairman of Trustees. In 1988, he launched Crimestoppers in the Metropolitan Police area. Crimestoppers 'call to action' is built on a three-way partnership between the business community, the police and the media.

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