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eu-LISA Selects Accenture, Atos and Safran to Enhance EU Visa Information and Biometric Matching Systems

The European Agency for the operational management of large-scale IT systems in the area of freedom, security and justice (eu-LISA) has selected Accenture (NYSE: ACN), Safran Identity & Security and Atos to provide application and infrastructure services for the E.U. Visa Information System (VIS) and for the Biometric Matching System (BMS) underpinning VIS.

The project will facilitate the fast and secure processing of visa applications by third country nationals requiring visas to enter the Schengen area. The Accenture-Safran-Atos consortium will help eu-LISA deliver new digital services to its customers around the world and enhance the capabilities of the VIS Mail system, which is used to exchange information between member-state authorities.

The contract, awarded following a call for tenders (LISA/2015/RP/02 VIS/BMS MWO) by eu-LISA, is for four years, with option for an extension of up to two years.

Accenture is excited to have been selected to help eu-LISA manage the safe and legitimate movement of people into the European Union... We will bring our significant experience managing large, complex IT-based identity-management projects for border-management and other government agencies around the world to help ensure the success of this mission-critical program for eu-LISA.

James Canham, managing director of Accenture's Customs & Borders business.

As consortium leader, Accenture is responsible for overall program management, including delivering enterprise and technology architecture and design support, providing application development and maintenance services, and managing IT on-site service support functions. Safran will continue to develop the **biometric solution** and provide all biometric-related consulting services and expertise. Atos will be responsible for provision and maintenance of infrastructure solutions.

Atos is looking forward to enhancing our collaboration with eu-LISA by bringing our expertise in infrastructure managed services to support border management efforts in the E.U. With our proven experience in maintaining large-scale IT platforms, we will seek to ensure the corrective, adaptive and evolutive maintenance of VIS and its BMS infrastructure to meet all user needs and system performance requirements.

Punit Sehgal, Atos group vice president and account lead for European institutions.

Philippe Arnaud, VP and general manager of Safran's Border Control business, said, *"Safran has worked with the European Commission since 2007 on the development and maintenance of the **biometric matching engine** at the heart of the EU's visa system. This contract is a continuation of our decade-long efforts to **help the E.U. manage its borders**. It leverages our deep expertise and understanding of the latest **biometric technologies** to support **enhanced border management** and **border security** in Europe."*

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Safran Identity & Security is a global leader in identity and security solutions, deploying systems in more than 100 countries. Backed by more than 40 years of experience in biometrics, the company develops innovative technologies for the public and private sectors, including identity management, secure transactions and public security solutions.

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