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Promia Receives Navy \$3.4 Million Plus Up for Shipboard Development and Deployment *Sophisticated New Techniques for Rapid Detection of Network Security Events*

San Francisco, CA -- August 15, 2003 -- Promia Incorporated, a developer of next-generation Internet Security products, announced today that the U.S. Navy Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) has awarded Promia \$ 3,400,000 contract modification to modify, test and deliver advanced Internet security features for shipboard deployment. This continues Phase III of a U.S. Navy Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Contract and compliments a multi-year research and development effort by Promia and the U.S. Navy to design and build and deploy the systems.

The Internet security system delivering to the U.S. Navy is code-named the "Intelligent Agent Security Module" (IASM) and is to be deployed as a primary means of providing information analysis and protection on ships and shore-based facilities. The IASM product was designed to address known problems found in the current generation of intrusion detection devices such as the generation of high volumes of false alarms and the inability to detect new types of attacks.

The IASM is a supercomputer level system that uses a CORBATM secure component architecture. This architecture is designed to manage accurately and consistently the detection and validation of internally and externally generated network incidents. The IASM system detects known attacks using various techniques to correlate single and multiple events, while novel attacks are detected using advanced analytic techniques, including fuzzy logic, to identify aberrant behavioral patterns. The IASM system also includes a visualization component that is designed to encourage the rapid understanding of complex events with selectable levels of responses suitable to the needs of the U.S. Navy and other branches of the U.S. Government. This visualization component may be readily adapted to commercial sector architecture requirements. The Navy is currently deploying the IASM system. Promia's President and CEO, Mr. John Mullen, said "We are proud to have been awarded this contract extension, and proud to have kept on schedule for this important project over the past five years. We look forward to serving the people of the Navy by increasing their awareness of their electronic networks and increasing cyber protection to the fleet."

About Promia, Incorporated

Promia, Incorporated is a leading developer and supplier of distributed object and component security tools, based on open standard components with advanced analytic capabilities, to the US Government and Fortune 1000 markets. Its products are used in environments requiring high security, high reliability, high performance, and scalability.

Promia's core competencies include expertise in a wide range of computer programming languages, databases, security architectures and technologies, security assurance and evaluation, communications protocols, hardware devices, artificial intelligence techniques, data and application integration and distributed data networks. Since the early 1990's, Promia has been in the forefront of developing software infrastructure solutions based on object-oriented technology and open standards, most particularly CORBA, for organizations worldwide. Based in San Francisco, Promia also has offices in Princeton, NJ, Davis, California, and Linthicum, Maryland.

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