

# WidePoint Designated as First Certified FiXs Credential Issuer

## Subsidiary ORC begins offering U.S. Department of Defense ECA Certificates on Federation for Identity and Cross-Credentialing Systems (FiXs) Certified Credentials

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**FAIRFAX, Va.** -- WidePoint Corporation (AMEX: WYY), a leading provider of information technology and identity assurance services, today announced its wholly owned subsidiary, Operational Research Consultants, Inc. (ORC) has been designated as the first Federation for Identity and Cross-Credentialing Systems® (FiXs) Certified Credential Issuer.

FiXs identity credentialing network is the only network certified to interoperate with the Defense Cross-Credentialing Identification System (DCCIS) infrastructure, the credentialing network of the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD).

ORC's credential issuance system has been approved by FiXs based on materials received from a third party assessment and application documentation and has been issued Interim Authority to Operate (IATO) certification.

As the first FiXs-Certified Credential Issuer, ORC offers hardware assurance tokens and associated certificates that are recognized by DoD divisions as providing the same level of security protection as the certificate on a Common Access Card (CAC), which identifies and authenticates users by controlling access to computer networks, encrypting e-mail messages and enabling users to sign documents electronically.

WidePoint CTO Daniel Turissini said, "Our approval as the first FiXs-Certified Credential Issuer represents another sector of a growing subscriber market for strong authentication credentials where WidePoint, and its ORC subsidiary, continue to lead.

"We estimate that the FiXs network at maturity will attract more than three million annual subscribers with the need for both physical and logical access into Federal facilities and resources. We believe that this amounts to a total market opportunity of up to approximately \$300 million on an annually recurring basis. We expect to see the rollout of this market opportunity develop in early to mid 2008 with expansion continuing over the next three years."

FiXs President, Dr. Michael J. Mestrovich, said, "Since joining FiXs in June, 2007, WidePoint has taken a leadership roll on our Board of Directors. First, by drafting our Logical Operating Rules supplement to the FiXs Operating Rules, and leading the effort in defining the requirements that need to be met for FiXs logical operations. Secondly, they have concurrently, built out and fully documented a FiXs certified credential issuance solution that achieved IATO certification. With WidePoint's contributions, FiXs is now fully postured to fulfill our mission of establishing and

maintaining a worldwide, interoperable identity and cross-credentialing network built on security, privacy, trust, standard operating rules, policies and technical standards. We congratulate WidePoint on their achievement and thank them for their continuing support of the FiXs mission.”

### **About FiXs**

Founded in 2004 and based in Fairfax, Virginia, the Federation for Identity and Cross-Credentialing Systems (FiXs) is a not-for-profit coalition of commercial companies, government contractors and not-for-profit organizations. The FiXs network is a secure, scalable system that provides trusted, interoperable identity verification and credential authentication for network users accessing a range of government and commercial facilities. The FiXs network meets federally-mandated requirements, supports physical and logical access applications and integrates with an organization’s existing personnel system, while leveraging the network’s economies of scale. For more information, visit <http://www.fixs.org>

### **About WidePoint**

[WidePoint](#) is a leading provider of advanced information technology products and services including identity management and information assurance services, forensic informatics and wireless technology services. WidePoint has three wholly owned subsidiaries holding major contracts, [Operational Research Consultants, Inc.](#) (ORC), and [iSYS, LLC](#), and WidePoint Illinois. WidePoint enables organizations to deploy fully compliant IT services in accordance with government-mandated regulations and advanced system requirements. For more information, visit [www.widepoint.com](http://www.widepoint.com).

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