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Aware Provides Web-Based Biometric Enrollment Solution to the U.S. Department of Defense

Solution based on Aware's WebEnroll™, BioComponents™, and BioSP™ enables browser-based biometric enrollment for screening of employment applicants

BEDFORD, Mass., Oct. 25, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Aware, Inc. (NASDAQ: AWRE), a leading global provider of biometric software and solutions, today announced that its WebEnroll™, BioComponents™, and BioSP™ products are part of a new system to be used by the United States Department of Defense (DoD) to screen applicants for employment. The solution enables fingerprints to be collected using a biometric enrollment application that runs in a browser, making it easier to distribute, maintain, and secure across the DoD's various departments and numerous facilities and bases.

The new system called "SWFT Plus Enrollment" (SWFT+) and administrated by the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) brings significant enhancements to the existing Secure Web Fingerprint Transmission (SWFT) system. It standardizes the capture, storage, and forwarding of electronic fingerprints across the DoD in a way that enables use of existing fingerprint capture workstations. SWFT+ was successfully piloted and rolled out for the Army, and then mandated for department-wide deployment by senior DoD officials. Going forward, it will be used by the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps to screen applicants for military and civilian positions. The DoD employs about three million people around the world.

"Enabling biometric capture in a browser presents difficult technical challenges, but also significant advantages for our customers, particularly for large, broadly distributed deployments," commented Rob Mungovan, VP of Biometrics at Aware. "The DMDC system is the largest in the world of its kind, and we are pleased to be a leading provider of this important biometric technology, particularly as cloud-based biometrics gain favor. It's our latest success in delivering complex, mission-critical biometric solutions on a large scale."

WebEnroll utilizes Aware's BioComponents, which run within a browser to collect, analyze, and submit biographic data, live scan and card-based fingerprints, facial images, and iris images. BioComponents also serve to enable the use of different models of biometric capture peripherals in the same system. BioSP runs on a server, and fulfills several key functions, including management of the configuration and distribution of the WebEnroll application, standards-based validation, formatting, and routing of enrollment submissions, and processing of search results.

About Aware

Aware is a leading provider of biometrics software products and development services to governments, system integrators, and solution providers globally. Our products include SDKs, software components, workstation applications, and a modular, centralized, service-oriented platform. They fulfill a broad range of functions critical to biometric authentication and search, including face, fingerprint, and iris autocapture, image quality assurance, data compliance, capture hardware peripheral abstraction, centralized data processing and workflow, subsystem connectivity, and biometric matching algorithms. The products are used to enable identity-centric security solutions with biometrics for applications including border management, credentialing and access control, intelligence and defense, and law enforcement. Aware is a publicly held company (Nasdaq: AWRE) based in Bedford, Massachusetts.

See Aware's [website](#) for more information about our biometrics software products.

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Portions of this release contain forward-looking statements regarding future events and are subject to risks and uncertainties, such as estimates or projections of future revenue and earnings, and the growth of the biometrics markets. Aware wishes to caution you that there are factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results indicated by such statements.

Risk factors related to our business include, but are not limited to: i) our operating results may fluctuate significantly and are difficult to predict; ii) we derive a significant portion of our revenue from government customers, and our business may be adversely affected by changes in the contracting or fiscal policies of those governmental entities; iii) a significant commercial market for biometrics technology may not develop, and if it does, we may not be successful in that market; iv) we derive a significant portion of our revenue from third party channel partners; v) hardware revenue is likely to decline in future periods; vi) we face intense competition from other biometrics solution providers; vii) our business is subject to rapid technological change; viii) our software products may have errors, defects or bugs which could harm our business; ix) our business may be adversely affected by our use of open source software; x) our intellectual property is subject to limited protection; xi) we may be sued by third parties for alleged infringement of their proprietary rights; xii) we must attract and retain key personnel; xiii) we rely on single sources of supply for certain components used in our hardware products; xiv) our business may be affected by government regulations and adverse economic conditions; xv) we may make acquisitions that could adversely affect our results, and xvi) we may have additional tax liabilities.

We refer you to the documents Aware files from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission, specifically the section titled Risk Factors in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 and other reports and filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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