

Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) Awards Contract to SolveIT Software for UAV Pre-Mission Planning

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 3 December, 2007 – SolveIT Software Pty Ltd, a leading provider of enterprise software for supply & demand optimisation and predictive modelling, announced today that it has signed a contract with Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) for the delivery of a software system that will optimize pre-mission planning for Uninhabited Air Vehicles (UAVs).

“DSTO is developing an experimental capability which employs small, inexpensive UAVs that act autonomously and cooperatively to detect, identify, locate, track, and electronically engage ground-based targets such as radars,” said Dr. Anthony Finn, Head of Automation of the Battlespace at DSTO. “These UAVs rely upon a heterogeneous mix of relatively unsophisticated Electronic Warfare (EW) payloads to observe and engage their adversarial environment.”

The SolveIT adaptive optimization software is designed to allow DSTO to balance the UAV and payload resources against a range of dynamically changing constraints and the relative importance of the tasks that are undertaken. It will also allow DSTO to explore the cost-capability trade-offs between the larger, more sophisticated, platform-centric UAV options and the smaller, cheaper and distributed ones.

Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) is the Australian Government's lead agency charged with applying science and technology to protect and defend Australia and its national interests. Headed by the Chief Defence Scientist, Dr Roger Lough, DSTO has an annual budget of approximately \$440 million and employs more than 2300 staff, predominantly scientists, engineers, IT specialists and technicians. DSTO has a presence in nearly every state and territory in Australia, and works closely with the industry, science and technology community. For more information, please visit: www.dsto.defence.gov.au.

“We look forward to extending our relationship with DSTO in this challenging area of UAV Pre-Mission Planning,” said Dr. Zbigniew Michalewicz, Chairman of the Board of SolveIT Software. “Using a variety of modern AI technologies, the aim of the system will be to intelligently allocate the UAV resources within the context of the scenario and the imposed constraints.”



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About SolveIT Software Pty Ltd

SolveIT Software Pty Ltd is an Australian company specialising in supply & demand optimisation. Founded upon the leading research of several world-renowned computer scientists and research organisations, we offer enterprise software for advanced planning & scheduling, supply chain network optimisation, demand planning & optimisation, and predictive modelling. Our software applications are based on proprietary platforms for advanced optimisation, prediction, and what-if analysis, and can optimise production and supply chain activities on both a local (plant) and global (network) level. Our current clients include Dentsu, Intercast & Forge, ABP, Pernod Ricard Pacific, McGuigan Simeon Wines, Michell, and the Australian Defense Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO). For more information about SolveIT Software, please visit www.SolveITSoftware.com.

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