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Community protection



Attorney-General Robert McClelland has called on local communities to apply for funding under the **Natural Disaster Mitigation Program**.

“The Rudd Government has invested \$18.6 million into the program for 2008 09, with the money available to help communities better protect themselves against the effects of floods, storms, bushfires and other natural disasters,” Mr McClelland said.

“Anything local communities can do to lessen the impact of natural disasters when they hit makes a big difference. I urge all eligible organisations to apply for funding.”

Organisations eligible for funding include local councils, catchment management authorities, fire services and state emergency services. Funding can be used for a range of projects, including risk management studies, warning systems, community awareness measures and structural works to protect against damage.

Under the program, State and Territory Governments will match Commonwealth funding, with local government also making a contribution.

The closing date for applications is Friday 29 August 2008. For more information on the Natural Disaster Mitigation Program, visit www.ema.gov.au

The Attorney-General has also announced over \$3 million in funding grants to boost the recruitment, retention and training of volunteer organisations at the front line of emergency management.

The money provides funding for 183 projects across Australia through the **National Emergency Volunteer Support Fund**.

“Some 500,000 people in Australia volunteer their time in some emergency management capacity, with 350,000 of those in the front line during times of natural disaster – principally through the various rural fire services and State Emergency Services,” Mr McClelland said.

The projects funded under the program range from the purchase of audio-visual training equipment and enhancing the quality of training provided for volunteers, to recruitment campaigns, targeted volunteer training activities, and the construction and fit-out of dedicated training facilities.

Details of projects funded by the National Emergency Volunteer Support Fund can be found at www.ema.gov.au/communityengagement

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Selling up

UTC Fire & Security has completed the sale of its Australian guarding and mobile patrols businesses including **Chubb Security Personnel**, **Chubb Mobile Services** and **MSS Security Group**. The businesses have been sold to **Security and Intelligence Services (India) Limited**, a security services company based in India. The company first announced its intention to divest these businesses last year. Financial details of the transaction were not disclosed.

UTC Fire & Security will continue to offer electronic security solutions in Australia through **Chubb Electronic Security** and **Chubb Home Security**; transport customer valuables throughout Australia through its cash logistics business **Chubb Security Services**; and provide a full range of fire detection, suppression and fire fighting products and services through its **Chubb Fire Safety** business.

ID on the run



Sagem Sécurité has announced the launch of a new generation of mobile identification and information terminals, dubbed Morpho RapID 1100. Designed for mobile police forces and border police, these terminals will provide real-time identification of criminals based on fingerprint and facial recognition.

The new terminal's graphics interface and connectivity with most current communications networks means that police forces will have real-time access to highly accurate information, allowing them to respond to all demands. Police forces will be able to increase their presence in the field and provide the appropriate solution to any situation, immediately.

"Morpho RapID 1100 is the result of a joint effort by Sagem Sécurité and **Psion Teklogix**, a leader in communicating mobile terminals, working in conjunction with police forces," Sagem Sécurité Chairman and CEO Jean-Paul Jainsky said. "It combines state-of-the-art technologies in biometrics, communications and ergonomic design, all in a single device."

AFP audit nearing completion

Speaking at the **Australian Federal Police** Association's Biennial National Council Meeting in Canberra recently, Attorney-General Robert McClelland said he expected the Federal Audit of Police Capabilities to be completed by the end of this year.

"The Audit of Police Capabilities is necessary so that we can know, for certain, the current and future demands – and whether the AFP has the capability to provide the services required of it," Mr McClelland said.

"We will consult with Commonwealth, State and Territory law enforcement agencies and police associations – including the Police Federation of Australia."

Mr McClelland also discussed the issues of recruitment and retention.

"Recruitment and retention is not simply confined to police – it's an issue being grappled with by the entire community."

Mr McClelland said that the AFP's Indigenous Employment Strategy and Reconciliation Action Plan would enhance the AFP's engagement with the indigenous community and increase the number of indigenous employees in the AFP.

The strategy includes a recruitment and retention program, indigenous traineeships, and enhanced funding support to the Malunggang Indigenous Officers Network, a voluntary internal network fostering career development of indigenous Australians.

Hands off



Rittal, a worldwide provider of enclosure technologies, has launched a tamper-proof security enclosure which aims to help organisations protect their video surveillance equipment from unauthorised access.

While video surveillance systems are increasingly used as a security measure in banks, hotels and public buildings, they are only effective when the recording devices, storage media and backups are sufficiently protected from unauthorised access. The value of the entire system is questionable if sensitive data, tapes or storage media can be easily stolen.

Rittal's security enclosure incorporates a special lock system differentiated from the usual IT rack locks, ensuring that the video-PC is only accessible by authorised employees.

Data deal

Blancco, a global leader in data erasure and end-of-lifecycle solutions, has announced that **Sun Microsystems** will license Blancco's data erasure software. Under terms of the agreement, Blancco and Sun will work together to develop a global standards-based solution designed to help customers manage their data centre assets within their corporate policies and in adherence with regulatory guidelines.

"Sun Microsystems is a true pioneer in the field of servers and storage devices, and this partnership not only helps us meet our ongoing hardware support goals but also enables us to spread the positive impact of complete, certified data erasure to Sun's extensive global reach," Blancco managing director Kim Väisänen said. "By working with Sun we can pass on all the benefits and security merits that Blancco software solution offers."

Blancco's data erasure software adheres to the security guidelines of national and international erasure standards, providing Sun with a tested solution that performs to worldwide regulatory standards. In addition, this new solution can meet the rigorous data-protection policies of a company's own internal security department as well as the guidelines of the regulatory agencies who audit these policies.

Stamp of approval



Secure email and Web gateway security provider **Marshal** has attained Gold Certified Partner status in the **Microsoft** Partner Program with competency in Network Infrastructure, attesting to Marshal's expertise and technological contributions to content security on Microsoft Windows platforms.

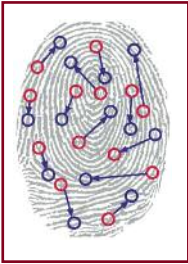
Gold Certified Partners represent those with the highest level of competence and expertise with Microsoft technologies and have the closest working relationship with Microsoft. The Networking Infrastructure Solutions Competency is for technology partners who have proven their proficiency in implementing solutions based on Microsoft Windows Server 2000 or Windows Server 2003 Operating Systems, or Microsoft Small Business Server 2000 and Small Business Server 2003.

Marshal has also certified its award-winning email security solution, MailMarshal SMTP, on Windows Server 2000 data centre and is pursuing certification for its entire product line, including WebMarshal, Marshal's 3-in-1 secure Web gateway, and MailMarshal for Exchange, an internal email filtering solution for Microsoft Exchange Server.

The Microsoft Partner Program was launched in December 2003 and offers a single, integrated partnering framework that recognises partner expertise, rewards the total impact that partners have in the technology marketplace, and delivers more value to help partners' businesses be successful.

INTERNATIONAL

UK biometric contract awarded



Thales SA has won the first contract to establish a national identity card program in the UK, which may eventually be worth £5.4 billion.

The French defence and electronics company has a four-year contract worth £18 million to design, build and test a system to issue the cards, along with a computerised national identity register aimed at preventing fraud.

Under government plans, the cards will be issued to airport workers from 2009, young people collecting their first passports from 2010, and the rest of the population from 2011.

The cards will be manufactured by **3M Co**, which currently makes Britain's passports. Thales is one of five suppliers chosen by the IPS to bid for parts of the ID cards project. The others are **Electronic Data Systems Corp**, **International Business Machines Corp**, **Fujitsu**, and **Computer Sciences Corp**.

Olympic security

CCTV, the national television network of the People's Republic of China, has selected **SafeNet's** Digital Rights Management (DRM) solution to provide copyright protection for live and on-demand online video footage for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. CCTV.com has been recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the only official internet/mobile broadcaster of the 2008 Olympics, and therefore owns exclusive rights to the broadcast of all audio and video content via online and mobile distribution channels across mainland China and Macau.

"CCTV.com is pleased to partner with SafeNet since June, to undergo a DRM trial evaluation for our 2008 European Soccer Game broadcasting. SafeNet successfully met all security requirements and was therefore selected to protect the Beijing Olympic Games online broadcasting against copyright infringement," CCTV.com CEO Wang Wenbin said. "The copyright of the Olympic Games is too important to us as it affects the economic interest to the International Olympic Committee, the authorised broadcasting operators and the branding of the Olympic Games. We strongly believe that SafeNet's DRM solution is reliable and could securely protect the intellectual property for the new media video and voice broadcasting."

Cyber security

The features editor of Jane's Defence Weekly, Tony Skinner, has spoken out about cyber security concerns in the US, and the measures undertaken to prevent security breaches.

"While most probes into government networks are more of an annoyance in nature, a concerted cyber attack against critical physical infrastructure has become a key concern," Mr Skinner said.

"In recent years, the US Department of Defense has become increasingly focused on such vulnerabilities and the threat of concerted denial of service attacks against critical government networks."

"Under the current administration, the White House has established a major cyber security initiative, which has proposed a series of projects worth more than \$17 billion, according to a recent Senate Armed Services Committee report, to secure government networks.

"In addition, the US Air Force (USAF) has established a new Cyber Command as part of the military's effort to establish control and fight in the cyberspace domain.

"USAF officials have said the establishment of the Cyber Command was not only intended to be defensive in nature but would also explore the use of cyber warfare as an alternative or complement to kinetic weapons."

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

August

Crisis Management Conference

DATE: 21 August 2008, Mercure Hotel, Sydney

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The crisis management conference will be relevant to anyone who has operational or management responsibility for operational risk management, business continuity, IT disaster recovery, security emergency or incident management, or facilities management. Topics addressed include: emergency/incident management; developing the link between organizational resilience and effective crisis management; information management to protect business reputation; pre-crisis management; and the dos and don'ts of crisis management exercising.

Security 2008

DATE: 26-28 August 2008, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre

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Security 2008, Australia's largest security exhibition, will showcase over 150 exhibitors, 4,000+ visitors, and is the most efficient way to keep abreast of the latest industry movements.

September

Security in Government 2008

DATE: 17-19 September 2008, National Convention Centre, Canberra, visit www.ag.gov.au

ENQUIRIES: SIG Secretariat Tel: 02 6250 6988 Fax: 02 6273 4009 Email: sig2007@ag.gov.au

The Protective Security Coordination Centre (PSCC), a division of the Attorney-General's Department, is hosting the 21st Security in Government (SIG) Conference. SIG continues to be the largest conference of its type in Australia. SIG 2008 will include an array of international and national speakers, a number of panel discussions and a trade exhibition that will deliver the latest developments in policy and technology in the protective security environment.

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DATE: 23-24 September 2008, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Sydney

ENQUIRIES: Tel 1300 766 663 (within Australia) or + 61 2 9280 1295 (outside Australia)
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Business Continuity in Government Conference

DATE: 24 September 2008, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Canberra

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Topics addressed include: the aftermath of the Bali bombings; Centrelink business continuity – beyond disaster recovery; implementation of BCP in Samoan government departments; experiences in re-developing APRA's business continuity and pandemic plans; a simple practical model for building foresight into a business continuity capability.

October

Port & Maritime Security 2008

DATE: 2-3 October 2008, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Sydney

ENQUIRIES: Tel: +61 2 9080 4307 Email: registration@informa.com.au or visit <http://www.portmaritimesecurity.com.au/>

Delegates will hear presentations on topics including: Government and industry assessments of Australia's port and maritime security environment with an analysis of possible future policies and strategies; case studies of innovative planning approaches to maritime security from Australia's capital city and regional ports; international port security and counter-terrorism strategies from Asia-Pacific, Europe and North America; the International Maritime Organization's outlook on future security strategies; supply chain security and cargo screening; securing coastal and offshore maritime assets; perspectives from Defence and industry on the development of technology used in modern maritime security initiatives.

AIPIO Annual National Conference & Exhibition: Intelligence 2008

DATE: 14-16 October 2008, Holiday Inn, Adelaide

ENQUIRIES: Phil Holmes, Tel (03) 6234 1424, Email phil.holmes@conventionwise.com.au

The Australian Institute of Professional Intelligence Officers' (AIPIO) annual conference, Intelligence 2008, will examine how intelligence tradecraft may be improved to deal with emerging policy, planning, and analytical challenges in the intelligence community.

December

Australian Security Convention

DATE: 1-3 December 2008, Edith Cowan University, Perth

ENQUIRIES: Email: securityconf@ecu.edu.au or visit <http://conferences.scis.ecu.edu.au>

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