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Collaboration with National Cancer Institute Cancer Centers Facilitates Data-Sharing Among Cancer Researchers

Reston, VA, August 14, 2008— Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States. Studies have shown that 75 percent of cancer researchers are unwilling to share their original study data, while 47 percent of academic geneticists are unable to obtain access to other academics' research data. The combination of information overload and resistance to information sharing slows progress in combating cancer, which is expected to kill nearly 600,000 people this year.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) has worked for four years under the premise that the right software can overcome technological barriers contributing to the information gap and help ease academic constraints. Its cancer Biomedical Informatics Grid (caBIG™) program provides a suite of software applications and a network infrastructure to allow researchers to conduct their work more efficiently, and share data and knowledge. Speaking at the caBIG™ Annual Meeting recently, Dr. Ken Buetow, NCI Associate Director for Bioinformatics and Information Technology, described the effort; "We are working to share valuable and invaluable contributions by different groups and connect those through the next generation world wide web infrastructure we call caGrid."

As the NCI continues to seek greater involvement and adoption from cancer centers, hospitals, and researchers nationwide in its program, it has begun licensing companies to support the effort as caBIG™ Support Service Providers. 5AM Solutions, a life science software engineering firm, has been named as a service provider in two categories: to assist institutions in adapting, enhancing and creating their own software to connect to the caGrid, and to assist in installing and deploying the NCI- developed tools within institutions.

Brent Gendleman, CEO and President of 5AM, said, "The NCI has invested heavily in creating an open infrastructure and set of tools to enable researchers and clinicians to share information. We're excited to be offered this opportunity to establish a new software market focused squarely on accelerating the pace of progress by building upon the initial success of caBIG™. Our mission is to connect the worlds of life science, so we're very pleased to participate in and support the NCI's caBIG™ efforts."

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About 5AM Solutions

5AM Solutions creates innovative software solutions to connect the worlds of life science. We serve life science professionals spanning the academic, government, and non-profit worlds who value software as a key to achieving their goals. Our tools help our clients manage their data, collaborate, and expose results to speed the pace of progress. Our people are passionate about understanding client needs and applying our tools, processes and ideas represented best by our motto, Software for Life™. www.5amsolutions.com

About caBIG™

caBIG™ stands for the cancer Biomedical Informatics Grid. It is an open-source, open-access, voluntary information network that will enable cancer researchers to share tools, standards, data, applications, and technologies according to agreed-upon common standards and needs. caBIG™ is dedicated to enabling the development of an informatics infrastructure that will link teams of cancer and biomedical researchers as part of a collaborative network, or grid.

For more information about the cancer Biomedical Information Grid, visit the caBIG web site at <http://cabig.nci.nih.gov>

For more information about cancer, visit the NCI Web site at <http://www.cancer.gov> or call NCI's Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237).

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