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**FAST SELECTED BY FIRSTGOV.GOV TO BRING ENTERPRISE  
SEARCH FUNCTIONALITY TO CONTENT MANAGEMENT**

***FAST Enterprise Search Platform Integrated with Enterprise Content Management  
Solution to Streamline Document Search and Retrieval; FAST Also Selected as One of  
Only Three Vendors for New Blanket Purchase Agreement***

OSLO, Norway — 27 September 2005 — Fast Search & Transfer™ (FAST™), the leading developer of enterprise search and real-time alerting technologies, today announced that the FAST Enterprise Search Platform™ (FAST ESP™) was selected to power the search functionality for the content management system of FirstGov.gov. Operated by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), FirstGov.gov is the U.S. Government's official Web portal.

FirstGov.gov provides government information and services to citizens, businesses and other governments. FirstGov.gov is an integral part of creating a citizen-centric government, keeping in line with one of the five priorities in President Bush's Management Agenda. FirstGov.gov, part of USA Services, one of the Presidential E-Gov initiatives created in 2003, distributed more than 202 million documents in 2004.

FAST ESP is integrated with FirstGov.gov to provide a seamless method for storing and making available for searching, documents that are published on FirstGov.gov. During the document publishing process, FirstGov.gov follows a specific workflow for creating, approving and publishing new content. With FAST ESP as the enterprise search solution for this process, the instant a document is approved and published it is available for search. FAST was awarded the FirstGov.gov contract via the GSA schedule.

FAST has also been selected by the GSA as one of only three vendors to qualify for its new Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) established for FirstGov to acquire future search technology and services. The BPA has a total value of \$18 million over ten years.

“FAST has worked with FirstGov.gov for many years, and we are confident that we will deliver solutions that will exceed all requirements, and help bring FirstGov.gov to its next level of service,” said Ali I. Riaz, FAST’s chief operating officer. “The ability of FAST ESP to fully integrate with FirstGov.gov’s content management system is critical to the ongoing success of the site. FirstGov.gov content publishers will rely on FAST technology to ensure documents are instantly available in the content repository, and FirstGov.gov users will benefit by being able to find and retrieve these documents as soon as they are published.”

FAST has transformed enterprise search from a powerful, yet narrowly perceived function, into an enterprise-wide strategic and tactical capability of pivotal importance. FAST ESP and FAST’s portfolio of solutions and SDAs supply a complete information retrieval solution ideal for a growing number of key vertical markets and applications including e-Commerce and Internet Portals; Financial Services; Government; Life Sciences; Media and Publishing; and Telecom. For FAST, the search never stops.

### **About FAST**

FAST creates the real-time search and filter technology solutions that are behind the scenes at the world’s best known companies with the most demanding search problems. FAST’s flexible and scalable integrated technology platform elevates the search capabilities of enterprise customers and connects people to the relevant information they seek regardless of medium. This drives revenues and reduces total cost of ownership by effectively leveraging IT infrastructure. FAST’s powerful enterprise search technology solutions are used by more than 2,000 global customers and partners, including America Online (AOL), AT&T, Cardinal Health, CareerBuilder.com, Chordiant, CIGNA, CNET, Dell, Factiva, Fidelity Investments, Findexa, IBM, Knight Ridder, LexisNexis, Overture, Rakuten, Reed Elsevier, Reuters, Sensis, Stellent, Tenet Healthcare, Thomas Industrial Networks, T-Online, US Army, Virgilio (Telecom Italia), Vodafone, and Wanadoo.

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