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## **Smart Health Solutions Pty Ltd & AIMS Corporation/Consolidated Computer Services Pty Ltd win 2003 Smart Card Industry Awards**

Smart Health Solutions Pty Ltd and AIMS Corporation/Consolidated Computer Services Pty Ltd have won the 2003 annual Smart Card Industry Award for their contribution to the Australian smart card industry. The winning entries were announced by Richard Fleming, representing the Asia Pacific Smart Card Forum (APSCF) at the Cards Australasia 2003 Gala Dinner in Melbourne on 2 September.

Smart Health Solutions Pty Ltd has developed and implemented a secure online application that makes patient clinical data available at the point of care to all participating healthcare providers. It was first implemented at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital in May 2000 and further implementations are underway. Smart Health provides a secure, patient centric shared Electronic Health Record (EHR) that enables each participating service provider to access summary records of the patient's medical and treatment history.

Smart Health Solutions were judged as winners of the award in recognition of their outstanding development of the local and international smart card industry. The award entry from Smart Health Solutions stood out as potentially changing the landscape of the smart card industry and provides the most industry potential.

Smart Health Director Jon Hughes said that the award represented a major investment by Smart Health Solutions in the future of on-line health information management in Australia, and potentially world wide.

"Smart Health is working with Australia's leading health technology providers to deliver an integrated on-line clinical information solution that is compliant with federal and state models for on-line health information management", he said.

The HealthConnect program of the Department of Health and Ageing has included the Smart Health solution in its two year research and evaluation program, highlighting the close fit with the national electronic health record

model. Mr Hughes noted that New South Wales' has released a request for tenders this week for its major electronic health record initiative, EHR\*Net. "Smart Health is the only Australian supplier of a proven solution that meets NSW Health requirements.

A joint entry from partner companies AIMS Corporation and Consolidated Computer Services Pty Ltd was selected as a winner in recognition of excellence in Australian design and innovation for their Acacia Prison (WA) smart card system. The Acacia Prison integrated smart card system provides security, education programs, food services and information access via kiosks.

AIMS Corporation Managing Director John Cooper said that use of this multi-application technology in a prison environment was a first for Australia.

"These innovations are all about teaching life skills, of increasing the level of autonomy in daily routines, in order to create a more normal environment within the secure prison walls. These life skills allow cardholders to have more control of daily tasks now, and hopefully be better equipped to reintegrate into society later," Mr Cooper said.

"The idea is to improve the quality of daily life, and to return prisoners to the community equipped with the skills to cope in a modern world"

Mr Cooper stressed that the innovative multi-functional system had wider application in other areas of society.

"The fact that the system has been introduced into the toughest of environments, such as a prison, has been a good testing ground for us before moving into other business areas such as education and health," he said.

"The system is strongly interoperable - able to integrate with a wide range of hardware and existing applications. The flexibility of the system means that it can operate in many different environments," he said.

Congratulating the award winners, Richard Fleming, Chairman, APSCF, said that all candidates should be commended on the calibre of their entries, and thanked SecureNet for sponsoring this important annual event.

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The Asia Pacific Smart Card Forum (APSCF) was established in 1995 to promote the development of a technologically advanced and viable smart card industry in Australia, and to position Australia as a leading supplier of smart card applications. Membership includes major vendors, government agencies, financial institutions and consulting firms.

The APSCF is a forum of the Australian Electrical and Electronic Manufacturers' Association (AEEMA).