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DLM Forum Announces Development of MoReq2010 to Advance Archiving and Information Compliance across Europe

The DLM Forum, the European Commission-sponsored body that sets standards and guidelines for electronic archiving announced today that its Executive Committee has awarded a contract to develop MoReq2010 to JournaliT of Maidenhead, UK. The project will result in an updated MoReq specification in summer 2010 that will reflect the demands for better Information Management practices across European and international Government and commercial organisations and regulators.

Martin Waldron, Chairman of the DLM Forum's MoReq Governance Board commented: "We are pleased to make this announcement, which reflects not only the feedback we received about MoReq2 from the representatives from the twenty seven National Archives across Europe, but also constructive comment from leading vendors, the experience of testing companies, other European and International Record Management bodies plus those already certified to MoReq2. The consensus reached after our conference in Sweden in November 2009 was that there is an urgent need to simplify and create a modular specification in alignment with International Standards. We will replace MoReq2 with Moreq2010 by the summer of 2010 to provide the private and public sector with coherent guidance on corporate information."

Commercial organisations and government bodies across Europe are challenged by more strict compliance requirements from financial and environmental regulators and European Union directives. MoReq2010 will assist them to gather and report information reliably. It will enable all users with an email account, a PC and storage system to secure their electronic information in a common, easily-understood way. No longer will they have to rely on numerous proprietary approaches for archiving and storage. This new pan-European specification can be used to speed purchasing, encourage new products, and enable swift adoption of best practices in records and information management.

We expect that regulators in government, finance, energy, life sciences and food sectors will be very interested in this modular approach which will enable them to ensure that the information provided is true and consistent, without a significant increase in costs.

Toivo Jullinen, Head of Strategic Planning, National Archives of Estonia, and Chairman of the DLM Forum, commented: "On behalf of the Executive Committee of the DLM Forum, we are delighted that all the hard work carried out over the past two years to develop the MoReq2 specification provides a platform for a more pragmatic guide reflecting technology innovation and international standards. The DLM through MoReq 2010 are providing a vehicle that addresses all market sectors."

The representative and observer for the European Commission on the DLM Forum Executive Committee, Jef Schram, added these words: "On behalf of the European Commission, which provided the initial financing for the development of the MoReq specification, we are delighted with this new programme. The European Commission continues to support MoReq and looks forward to further involvement with the DLM Forum in this crucial part of the EU's overall plans to advance best practice in electronic information".

Managing Director of JournaliT, Jon Garde, added "We are delighted to have been chosen to carry out his important task for the DLM Forum. . We invite the information management community both in Europe and world wide to participate actively in this programme during the two main consultation phases of this project by contributing at <http://www.moreq2010.eu>."

The DLM Forum is keen to encourage a consensus for its new certificated approach and will work with several international bodies, including ARMA, ICA, and others including AEDOC Digital Spain, APROGED France, DIMO Denmark, DOCUMENT@WORK Belgium, VOI Germany, AIIM and the UK Records Management Society.

Representatives of the Europe-wide National Archives across the EU have welcomed this development. Richard Blake, Senior Manager Public Sector Team, National Archives of the UK commented: "We welcome these announcements which will result in an updated specification that will encourage wider adoption of electronic records management throughout the UK."

The DLM Forum today also announces the development of the DLM Forum Roadmap to maintain and develop MoReq2010, and to extend its technical and operational capabilities. We invite other government and commercial organisations, regulators and vendors to adopt the MoReq2010 specification, and join the DLM Forum at its forthcoming Conference on 25-26th May in Madrid, to be informed of the latest developments and best practice records and information management across Europe"

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Backgrounder and Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the DLM FORUM? See <http://www.dlmforum.eu>

Created by an initiative of the European Commission, the DLM Forum is a European community of Public Archives and interested parties in archive, records and document and information lifecycle management. See <http://www.dlmforum.eu>

The DLM Forum's history dates back to 1991 and its early meetings were hosted by the European Commission in Brussels. The DLM Forum has held major international conferences since 1996, as well as members' meetings twice a year, in the European country that holds the EU presidency. The next meeting will be held in Madrid on 25th and 26th May 2010.

DLM Forum contact

In addition to MoReq2, the DLM Forum is interested in a number of other activities, which are coordinated by its new secretariat in Chorleywood, UK. If you would like to contact the DLM Forum for any reason, or take part in one of the DLM Forum activities, or if you have any feedback or suggestions then we are keen to hear from you.

What is MoReq?

MoReq is an evolving set of base specifications to help them acquire the most complete and tested electronic records management systems (ERMS), quickly and safely. Users, vendors, regulators, IT managers and records managers across Europe seek to meet emerging requirements for information compliance in government, financial, environmental, manufacturing and commercial organisations.

The MoReq2010 specification supersedes MoReq2 and some of the previous fragmented approaches across different countries in Europe, and describes model requirements for the management of electronic records and focuses mainly on functional requirements for ERMS. MoReq2010 will contain a model of how filing plans, files and records relate to each other within the context of a classification scheme, and, very importantly, it can be applicable to both electronic (digital), and physical (paper) files.

MoReq was designed to be a very practical specification. It does not specify a particular ERMS, instead it outlines the essential elements an ERMS should have to ensure that records are properly managed, can be accessed at all times, are retained for as long as they are needed and are properly disposed of once the obligatory retention and disposition period has expired. MoReq2010 extends this in a modular and simpler framework.

MoReq2010 will define the core functionality required of an ERMS whether they are deployed in public bodies and private organisations. MoReq is a generic, modular specification which means that each organisation that uses it can incorporate into its records management policies those parts of the specification that are relevant and applicable to the type of organisation; and help the organisation to comply to regulatory requirements within its business sector.

MoReq – Model Requirements for the Management of Electronic Records was first published in 2001 as European guidance on Electronic Records Management Systems.

This was updated in 2008 with the publication of MoReq2. Building on MoReq2 MoReq2010 will include a comprehensive Testing and Certification Framework, designed to allow the testing of software for compliance with MoReq2010 plus guidance and translations in individual states outlining regulation and practices in a Chapter "0" section.

MoReq 2010 Accreditation for Suppliers

DLM Forum has an active 2010 programme to establish Testing Centres to allow suppliers to have their systems assessed against the MoReq specification. See <http://www.dlmforum.eu> for more details.

MoReq 2010 End User Courses and Qualifications

DLM Forum is developing a network of Learning Centres where end users from the private and public sector can gain a fuller understanding of MoReq with options for academic qualification.

What is the MoReq2010 Roadmap?

The MoReq2010 Roadmap is a programme of maintenance and upgrades that will be carried out by the DLM Forum over the next nine months, to maintain, update and manage the MoReq2010 specification. The Roadmap reflects the feedback from National Archives, other users, vendors, testing body and developers, and will be managed by the MoReq Governance Board, part of the DLM Forum. Further details can be found on the website <http://www.dlmforum.eu>.

How can I find out more about Marketing /Dissemination of MoReq2010?

The MoReq Governance Board, part of the DLM Forum, is charged with ensuring the marketing and dissemination of MoReq2010. If you need further information on its policies, contact the Secretariat DLM Secretariat on + 44 (0)7976 359 161 or email to martin.waldron@weathervane-consult.com or at <http://www.dlmforum.eu> or contact the DLM Forum's MoReq Governance Board Member for Marketing, Rory Staunton on +44 845 094 1570 or email Rory.Staunton@Strategy-Partners.Com

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