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IE Discovery Survey Shows Government Agencies' Electronic Discovery Increased in Size and Scope

2008 Benchmarking Study of Electronic Discovery Practices for Government Agencies Highlights Top Challenges, Tools and Processes

Austin, Texas (February 11, 2009)— IE Discovery, a leading provider of comprehensive Discovery Management solutions to the legal community, has completed its 2008 Benchmarking Study of Electronic Discovery Practices for Government Agencies. The survey is designed to gather opinions and experiences from various government attorneys, records managers, paralegals and information technology (IT) personnel regarding their perception of e-discovery preparedness within their government agency.

“This year’s survey results confirm the upward trend in the size, scope and effort required to deal with electronic discovery,” said Chris May, CEO of IE Discovery. The survey participants reported an increase of 8% in the time they spend dealing with electronic discovery issues with 71% of respondents spending up to 25% of their time on these issues. More than 30% of agencies have either hired or designated an “e-discovery attorney.”

Not surprisingly, participants also reported an increase in the percentage of the litigation budget that is now used for electronic discovery, although most participants did not list budgets as their biggest challenge. “Internal systems and processes” was listed most often (38%) followed by “Communication with the IT department” (20%); “Finding good e-discovery staff with the right mix of IT and legal knowledge” (18%); “Finding the budget to put systems and tools into place” (15%); and “Getting buy-in from upper management” (10%).

“Our participants reported increased comfort with many aspects of the electronic discovery planning process with significant increases in confidence in the areas of document retention, collection and chain of custody,” said Bill Detamore, IE Discovery’s Chief Legal Officer. Survey results overall show a recognition of the importance of planning as participants indicated increased efforts in the standardization of litigation holds and 30(b)(6)-witness designation and preparation as well as meet-and-confer protocols.

The survey was conducted in the 9-day period from Wednesday, September 24, 2008 to Tuesday, October 7, 2008. There were 77 government attorneys from 31 government agencies who participated.

“We conducted this survey so that respondents could see where they and their agency fell in the broad spectrum of e-discovery preparedness and to have some comparison to their peers’ views,” said May. “As a long-time provider of discovery management services to government agencies, we are pleased to be able to help our clients meet their information needs with this survey and other initiatives, such as our annual Government Symposium.” The company’s Symposium for Government Agencies is designed to provide the

information and tools necessary to help government agencies gain control over the discovery process. Last year's event was highlighted by remarks from The Honorable John M. Facciola, Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court, District of Columbia and Jason R. Baron, Director of Litigation, National Archives and Records Administration.

An executive summary of survey results can be found at <http://www.iediscovery.com/services/government/survey.aspx>. For additional information, please contact Gail Parks at 703-527-2700 ext. 3035.

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