



EXIT REPORT

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Subject: Exit Report for the Period of May 22 to June 22, 2006

Accomplishments

Completed Egypt Customs Strategic IT Security-Infrastructure Report, including:

- Overview of physical and IT Security status and recommendations for Egyptian Customs
- Overview of IT Infrastructure status and recommendations for Egyptian Customs
- Recommended enterprise architecture for Egyptian Customs, including all IT security, infrastructure, and enterprise application integration (EAI) components to fulfill current and future anticipated needs
- Detailed reference architectures for each of the main and secondary Customs site types
- Recommended short list of vendors, computer equipment, network equipment, and related software for each component of the recommended enterprise architecture
- Recommended prioritized next steps for Egyptian Customs to achieve the recommended enterprise architecture

Issues

- The necessary computer, network, and security equipment procurement cannot proceed until approval of this report and funding is secured.
- Disparities are widespread in the states of and readiness to pursue the reference architecture recommendations across the sites.
- Decision for whether Port Said will become a third main site will need to be made soon to allow timely and consistent procurement, as well as planned rollout with the other main sites.

- The recommended projects as part of this report, as well as many other related IT and Customs projects, need to be coordinated and governed centrally by an IT Governance function and a Program Management Office (PMO) function to be successful and not waste (redundant or contrary) efforts.
- Egyptian Customs IT standards and best practices also need to be established and enforced by the IT Governance function.
- Additional Egyptian Customs IT staffing and training needs to be funded and planned to address many of the recommendations of the report.

Risks

See Issues section. Each of these issues also implies one or more risks for whether the issue will be resolved in a timely fashion, and what the impacts will be if not.

Counterpart Contacts

The following list contains the key persons interviewed:

- Mrs. Eman El Kouny, Ministry of Finance Executive Consultant - IT
- Dr. Saudi Baset, Egyptian Customs Minister IT Advisor
- Mr. Bassam Elsayad, Egyptian Customs Engineer (Alexandria)
- Mr. Tarek Shabaka, Cisco Account Manager
- Mr. Sherif El-Kassas, Raya Integration Executive Consultant
- Mr. Atef Magdy, Raya Integration Sr. Team Leader - Infrastructure
- Mr. Sherif El-Nayal, Raya Telecom Pre-Sales Supervisor
- Many Egyptian Customs IT representatives at the following sites that were specifically visited – Cairo Airport, Alexandria, Misr Station, Sohka, and Suez

Documents Received

The following list contains the key documents reviewed:

- Customs IT Gap Analysis (Final)
- Customs Information System (CIS) Functional Requirements Specification (v1.6)
- Draft ToR for GOEIC Automation
- Raya Telecom Customs Downtime Report
- Cisco MPLS Security white paper (courtesy of Raya Telecom)

Reports Delivered

Next Steps

Get Egyptian Customs approval and adoption of the report as the agreed strategic plan to build out the main and secondary Customs sites according to the reference architectures.

Get approval for Keith Worfolk to work out of the Denver office for follow-on RFP and procurement activities.

Have a local BearingPoint IT advisor help Egyptian Customs management develop the technical procurement specifications for top priority networking and security equipment.

Get USAID and Egyptian Customs approval to start the procurement activities.

Issue an RFP for top priority activities, and evaluate and select vendors for hardware, networking, systems software, and related training.

Get USAID and Egyptian Customs approval for a BearingPoint Architect / Manager to lead the cross-site implementation and deployment activities.