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Navy assets shipshape with Eden

Australian software developer Eden Technology has completed the roll-out of its AMPS asset management and planning system across the Naval and Shore Communications Sustainment Management Office. The system, which had previously been deployed on all RAN surface vessels and their shore organisations, is now used at naval communications stations in Queensland, Western Australia, NSW, and the ACT as well, a spokeswoman explained.

To complete the rollout, legacy data from several RAN sources was consolidated into a single maintenance database, which now holds equipment breakdown structures, technical documentation, and drawings, assembly parts lists, an inventory catalogue, and corrective and planned maintenance schedules. www.eden-technology.com

Defence takes liking to BlackBerries

Australia's Defence Signals Directorate has approved the use of BlackBerry handheld devices from US company Research in Motion (RIM). The devices, which have wireless communications capabilities, will be used for information access and day-to-day operational communications. "The guidance recently issued by the Australian Government confirms that BlackBerry standards conform with security requirements and DSD's security policy, which is in line with the use of BlackBerry in government operations worldwide," explained Scott Totzke, director of government technology at RIM.

Intermoco gets among the contracts

Australian company Intermoco has scored a couple of significant successes in recent times by negotiating a deal with "a major Australian integrated infrastructure services company", and obtaining a repeat order from the Victorian Government.

Under the scope of the infrastructure deal Intermoco and its partner will provide a range of technology systems for information management and remote meter reading. The deal "has the potential to support the national distribution of Intermoco products and services and provide world-class information management solutions to end-customers", claimed Steve Black, Intermoco's COO.

The Victorian Government deal covers enhancements to the Utiligy system already installed at Melbourne's Treasury Place (*Rust Report*, Sep 19 2003, p2). www.intermoco.com

Supermarket takes Aussie labelling

The Ritchies IGA supermarket chain has awarded ILID — a part of ASX-listed company UXC — a contract to implement an electronic shelf-labelling system in its stores around Australia. The move followed trials arranged in four stores by Fujitsu, a non-exclusive distributor of the ILID system (*Rust Report*, Jan23 2004, p2) and will involve the use of the technology in a further 10 stores in the next two years.

ILID's technology involves the use of electronic labels that contain dedicated microprocessors which are used to process and store information, explained Geoff Lord, executive chairman of UXC. The system allows pricing to be changed quickly from a central location and can also be used to alert shoppers to promotions and special prices. In addition, the system allows store staff to use remote control devices to access store management information held within the electronic labels. www.uxc.com.au

Interactive ads about to hit Foxtel

The Commonwealth Bank of Australia and Toyota are to christen a new interactive advertising service that has been launched by Foxtel. The bank will use the technology from US corporation OpenTV to flog mortgages, while Toyota will promote a new four-wheel-drive vehicle.

• While the Commonwealth Bank is happy to adopt new technology for TV advertising, it is having less success with an updated online banking system. Complaints by trial users of the beta version have prompted the bank to delay the enhanced system's launch.

IT&e scores bank trading contract

IT&e, a developer of systems for the financial services sector, has been awarded a contract to provide its PTX product for online trading to "a tier-one Australian bank". The deal is valued at \$A3.2 million in the first year, and the bank has options to take up extra modules as it identifies uses for them. www.ite.com.au

Queensland picks records systems

LogicaCMG and Hummingbird have been selected to provide an electronic document and records management system for the Queensland Government. The two suppliers underwent a three-month proof-of-concept and acceptance trial before being awarded the whole-of-government contract, a spokesman said.

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