



## **Net-centric consortium certifies first interoperability building block; EADS security product gets official NCOIC seal of approval**

WASHINGTON - September 29, 2010 - The Network Centric Operations Industry Consortium (NCOIC) has approved the first applicant to its net-centric Building Blocks certification program. That applicant is EADS, which recently submitted its SECCOM product—a secure information exchange gateway—to The Open Group for independent evaluation on NCOIC's behalf.

NCOIC launched its Building Blocks certification program on June 18, 2010 after two years of developing and vetting net-centric patterns that can guide companies in designing and building products that lead to interoperability.

EADS' certification affirms that SECCOM is compliant with NCOIC's Secure Formatted Information Exchange Gateway pattern. With NCOIC's "seal of approval," EADS can rightly assert that SECCOM will provide all the capabilities a gateway needs to securely bridge communication gaps that have hindered the deployment of net-centric systems in the past.

"We applaud NCOIC for its work and effort in putting together their first certification program for assuring compliance with network-centric patterns for defense and first-response systems," said Allen Brown, president and chief executive officer of The Open Group. "The Building Blocks Certification program and NCOIC-certified seal of approval will assure buyers that the products they purchase adhere to industry defined standards that promote net-centricity and network interoperability, and the principles for identification and procurement as agreed upon by NCOIC."

"NCOIC's goal, in certifying net-centric building blocks, is to allow customers who want interoperable systems to procure them with confidence," said Dan Starceвич, NCOIC's executive chairman. "In this way, customers can assure that products procured from separate companies will work together in days, rather than months or years."

### About NCOIC

The Network Centric Operations Industry Consortium (NCOIC) is a not-for-profit international association dedicated to the rapid global deployment of network-centric applications. For more information, visit [www.NCOIC.org](http://www.NCOIC.org). For more information about Building Blocks Certification go to <http://www.opengroup.org/ncoic/cert/>.

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