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## Carahsoft Awarded U.S. DoD Enterprise Software Initiative Contract for Open Source Solutions

*Five-Year Blanket Purchase Agreement Streamlines Procurement of Red Hat, JBoss, MySQL, Alfresco, Pentaho and CollabNet Products*

RESTON, VA, March 17, 2009 - Carahsoft Technology Corp., the trusted government IT solutions provider, today announced that it has been awarded a U.S. Department of Defense ESI Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) for Open Source Solutions. The contract encompasses software and support services from Red Hat, JBoss, Alfresco, Pentaho, MySQL, and CollabNet.

"This BPA is significant on several levels, as it affirms open source as an enterprise-ready alternative to proprietary software," explained Paul Smith, vice president of government operations at Red Hat. "The BPA offers DoD customers access to a broad base of industry leading open source solutions, enabling agencies to not only cut cost out of their operations, but improve their services at the same time."

Through the five-year contract, Carahsoft and its authorized reseller partners will provide the DoD with open source technologies ranging from operating systems, middleware, and database technologies, to collaboration, content management, and business intelligence software.

"We are pleased to have been awarded this ESI BPA," said Craig P. Abod, president of Carahsoft, which serves as the Master Government Aggregator for numerous best-of-breed open source vendors. "As the Department of Defense continues to expand its implementation of open source technologies, this BPA will make it easier than ever to procure the stable, scalable, secure and extremely cost-effective software they need to achieve their missions."

"CollabNet and Carahsoft recently partnered to deliver the CollabNet SourceForge Enterprise application lifecycle management platform to the Department of Defense as a key component of their Forge.mil initiative," said Bill Portelli, president and chief executive officer, CollabNet. "We congratulate Carahsoft on winning this important contract. The Open Source Solutions BPA will now make it even easier for Carahsoft to deliver CollabNet-powered solutions to the Department of Defense."

The contract serves all DoD components and is effective through February 9, 2014. For more information, visit [Carahsoft Open Source BPA](#).

### About Red Hat, Inc.

Red Hat, the world's leading open source solutions provider, is headquartered in Raleigh, NC with over 65 offices spanning the globe. CIOs ranked Red Hat as one of the top vendors delivering value in Enterprise Software for five consecutive years in the CIO Insight Magazine Vendor Value survey. Red Hat provides high-quality, affordable technology with its operating system platform, Red Hat Enterprise Linux, together with applications, management and Services Oriented Architecture (SOA) solutions, including JBoss Enterprise Middleware. Red Hat also offers support, training and consulting services to its customers worldwide. Learn more: [www.redhat.com](http://www.redhat.com).

## About CollabNet

CollabNet is the leader in application lifecycle management (ALM) platforms for distributed software development teams. CollabNet SourceForge Enterprise is the industry's most open ALM platform, supporting every environment, methodology, and technology. With an integrated suite of easy-to-use tools that share a centralized repository, it is the only ALM platform that enables a culture of collaboration, substantially reducing the cost of software development. As the corporate sponsor of the open source Subversion project, the best version control and software configuration management (SCM) solution for distributed teams, collaborative development is in our DNA. Millions of users at more than 700 organizations, including Applied Biosystems, Capgemini, Deutsche Bank, Oracle, Reuters, and the U.S. Department of Defense, have transformed the way they develop software with CollabNet. For more information, visit [www.collab.net](http://www.collab.net).

## About Carahsoft

Carahsoft Technology Corp. is the trusted Government IT solutions provider, combining technological expertise with a thorough understanding of the government procurement process to help federal, state and local government agencies select and implement the best solution at the best possible value. As a top-ranked GSA Schedule Contract holder, Carahsoft is the largest government partner and serves as the master government aggregator for many of its best-of-breed vendors. The company's dedicated Solutions Divisions support proactive sales, marketing and delivery of Symantec, Storage Solutions, VMware, Adobe, Open Source, Data Domain, HR, HP Software, Intelligence, and SAP.

Carahsoft is consistently recognized by its partners as a top revenue producer and is listed among the industry's fastest growing firms by VARBusiness, CRN, Inc., Washington Technology, and the Washington Business Journal. In 2008, Carahsoft debuted at #16 on the Inc.500 list of fastest growing privately held companies, and was recognized as the Government VAR State and Local Solution Provider of the Year Award and the VAR Business Top Revenue Generator Award. Visit [www.carahsoft.com](http://www.carahsoft.com).

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