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# Leader Technologies a vital participant in 'Terrorex 04 Threat Simulation Exercise' hosted by the Departments of Homeland Security and Defense

LeaderPhone, Leader2Leader products proved very effective in coordinating emergency communications traffic among many agencies at once

LAS VEGAS (Jan. 15, 2004) -- **Leader Technologies, Inc.**, a business communications software developer, provided key software and services to the "Terrorex 04 Threat Simulation Exercise" Jan. 7-11, sponsored by the Government Emerging Technology Alliance<sup>1</sup>, a partner to the U.S. Departments of Homeland Security and Defense and the Boeing Industrial Consortium for Homeland Security.<sup>2</sup>

The conference attracted 750 high-level executives and security experts from commerce, industry, education and government, including Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon, General Dynamics, SAIC, Northrup Grumman, EDS, Cisco, Oracle, MCI, AT&T, Unisys, universities, Departments of Defense, Interior and Energy, FBI, CIA, NSA, DEA, U.S. military and National Guards, state and local police, emergency and fire agencies.

The software, including **LeaderPhone®** and **Leader2Leader®**, provided audio communications and allowed agencies involved to collaborate online to react and respond to terrorist threat simulations, said Leader Chairman Mike McKibben. Some of the "crises" the conference attendees dealt with included attacks on Washington D.C., the Alaska pipeline, a nuclear power plant and other targets.

"During the exercise, it was clear that people can get overwhelmed when faced with the chaos following a terrorist attack. Our normal communication systems get overloaded in such crises," McKibben noted. "Lack of timely, accurate information adds to the confusion and causes misinformation to fly. This confusion can result in delays and more lives lost. **LeaderPhone**®'s software was used for "on the fly" teleconferencing and as a "Reverse 911" alert dissemination system. Driven from a central command, it was an effective way to keep people more focused and on track." **LeaderPhone**® allowed central command to send key information via phone broadcasts to response groups, keeping everyone informed about what was going on across multiple agencies.

**Leader2Leader®**, an online collaboration space, allowed everyone to stay on top of the "big picture" during the simulation, he added. Documents, voicemail, notes and faxes could be examined, shared and stored by the agencies involved. "The fact that it is web-based meant everyone could get the information they needed from wherever they were," McKibben said.

<sup>1</sup> http://www.federalevents.com/govcon

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> http://www.boeing.com/ids/homeland security/flash.html

"Leader came in with very pertinent technology," said Carl Solomon, who heads Boeing's Industrial Consortium for Homeland Security. "When we said, 'Let the simulation begin,' it was awesome to see all of the cell phones go off at the same time. Great demonstration of the technology."

Shawn Smith, CEO of Emergency Visions, a software and consulting services company, said that a number of participants "were literally clamoring to get access to **Leader2Leader®**." "It worked like a charm", he noted. Leader's suite of products serve as the foundation for the AlertVision<sup>TM</sup> component of the Homeland Security solution offered by Emergency Visions.

Leader's positive showing at the simulation has raised interest among agencies that must prepare themselves for terrorist threats, said Russell Keat, a principal of the Boeing Homeland Security Consortium. Keat, a White House advisor, is perhaps best known as the man who rescued the U.S. flag from the ruins of the World Trade Center on 9/11, wrote the simulations for the conference. "After 9/11, we went looking for companies that had command and operating vision in this sector," he said. "We wanted products and teams that would help us achieve our goals. We liked it that Leader could so easily be combined with other products. There's a ton of possibilities for Leader Technologies."

Leader's products fit in with an advanced instant messaging product provided by Groove Networks, and system architecture developed by Sol Logic, Keat noted. "In the future, we'd like to have the combined technologies of Leader, Emergency Visions, Groove and Sol Logic provide the linkage to put out the traffic necessary to run these important simulations."

#### **About Leader Technologies**

Leader Technologies, Inc., based in Columbus, OH, has developed an overall enterprise-class communications platform that unifies all forms of digital and analog interaction, including teleconferencing, email, voice mail, file sharing, web conferencing and video. Leader2Leader®, Leader WebDemo<sup>TM</sup> and Leader Smart Camera<sup>TM</sup> comprise a powerful collaboration software suite that will dramatically improve productivity and reduce costs by giving businesses more control over their communications, leadership, strategy, knowledge management and intellectual capital. To learn more, visit <a href="https://www.leader.com">www.leader.com</a>.

**LeaderPhone**® **Teleconferencing Service** enables work teams from both large and small businesses to set up conference calls themselves at much less cost using its patent-pending webbased conference-calling platform. The service overcomes the limitations of legacy conferencing systems while combining many of the features desired by businesses that rely on conference calling. For more information about **LeaderPhone**®, visit <a href="www.leaderphone.com">www.leaderphone.com</a>.

Applied to the mission of Homeland Security, Leader's products and services provide (1) Event Prediction, (2) Alert Dissemination, (3) Event Collaboration and (4) Video Collaboration.

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Click Here for Alert Visions™ / Leader2Leader® White Paper (PDF)

1/7/03 - Currently being repositioned at the conference.



#### Terrorex 04 Threat Simulation Exercise Portal



#### Leader WebDemo.

# **Event Prediction**

Leader Smart Camera.

#### - surveillance & detection

- auto-scene/pattern recognition
- DoD-grade encrpytion
- deploy globally/monitor locally
- all camera types supported
- trend analysis

#### Alert Dissemination

- multi-device alert notification (email, fax, PDA, pager, cell)
- teleconferencing
- pre-recorded messages
- "on the fly" voice broadcasting
- chain of command notification

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#### **Event Collaboration**

- unified messaging
- instant messaging - teleconferencing
- web / video conferencing
- file / document sharing
- information libraries

- real time control room views
- video conferencing
- application sharing
- white boarding

#### Click Here (single view)

For Leader Smart Camera™ snapshot sample only.

#### Click Here (series of views)

For Leader Smart Camera<sup>™</sup> events where onboard logic has triggered an event in the Control Room.

Leader Smart Camera™ Platform developed with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory - University of California - U.S. Dept. of Energy.

#### Dial-in No. (877) 278-8686 Meet Me PIN:

Refer to the Terrorex Phone Collaboration Card you received at registration for your PIN.

#### SIMULATION INSTRUCTIONS

Each Community Participant has a conference call PIN unique to the community you were assigned. Use that PIN to conference your Community team members at anytime. That PIN is printed on the plastic card with the blue stripe you received at registration.

The Community Leaders have a separate PIN to be able to conference the leaders together (the plastic card with the red stripe at the top).

#### **Quick Conference Tip:**

- 1. Dial the 877 number
- 2. Key your PIN3. Key \*1 on your keypad
- 4. Dial another person's number
- 5. They will join upon answering
- 6. If you get their voice mail, key \*3 to drop that line.
- 7. Repeat steps 3-6 to add others.

#### **Traditional Conferencing Steps:** Everyone dials the 877 number and PIN.

The instructions above are for the dial in features. The Alert Dissemination capabilities of the system will be

demonstrated as a part of the Terrorex 04 Simulation.

Login URL: **Click Here User ID:** 

Password:

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#### SIMULATION INSTRUCTIONS

Refer to the Terrorex Phone Collaboration Card you received at registration for your <u>UserID</u> and Password.

Only the designated Terrorex Community leader has the UserID and Password for your Community. If you need assistance logging in, telephone the Control Room at 614-496-5442.

A Leader2Leader® session is set to time out after being idle for 15 minutes.

#### Video Collaboration

- IP telephony
- co-browsing

Click here for a sample view of the video conferencing showing the Terrorex Control Room.

Click here for Leader WebDemo® brochure (PDF)

Leader WebDemo™ allows you to connect to people globally from your PC to share presentations, documents, applications and desktop video.

Click here for LLNL Abstract (PDF). Click here for Alert Vision™ brochure.

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#### Terrorex 04 Simulation Collaboration Card Features

View this instruction online at www.leader.com/terrorex

#### Alert Dissemination

The LeaderPhone® teleconferencing dialin and PIN unique to your assigned Community.

#### Video Collaboration

Leader WebDemo™ Video views of the Terrorex 04 Community Rooms:

- Leadership
- Preparedness
- Awareness
- Response & Recovery



Simulation "Community" to which you are assigned

The Terrorex 04

Dial-in No: (877) 278-8686 Meet Me PIN=12345L

Simulation Exercise Launch Portal: http://www.leader.com/terrorex

Command Center Snapshots: http://www.leader.com/snapshote

Terrorex Situation Room Videos: http://webdemo-leader.com/live-asp

Type your Name when prompted

Documents, Collaboration, Find: (Community Leader only initially) http://LZL-leader-com UserID=loginname Password=\*\*\*\*\*

Meet Me Instructions: "0=Get Operator "1=Add Participant "2=Increase Volume 
"3=Drop Last Participant Added "4=Staty/Stop Record "6=Transfer Host Control 
"7=Mute Yourself "8=Decrease Volume "9=Unmute/Request Host Attention "" Options

Terrorex 04
Simulation
Portal

Event Prediction

Leader Smart Camera™ Snapshots of the Control Room

#### Event Collaboration

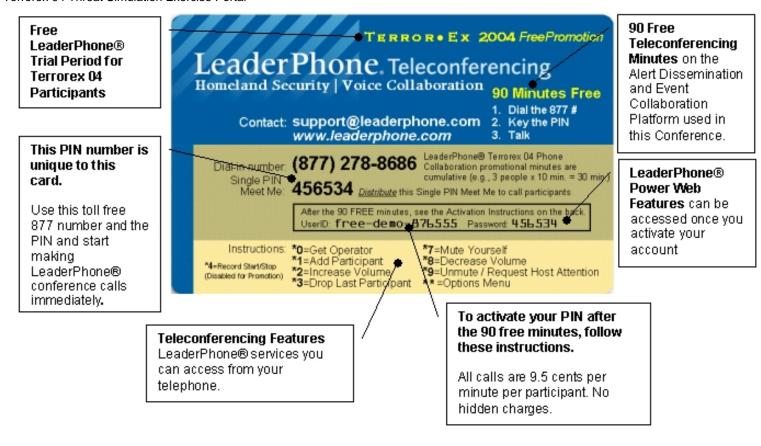
Leader2Leader® Login information, initially given to the leaders for each Community.

#### **Teleconferencing Features**

LeaderPhone® services you can access from your telephone.

#### LeaderPhone® Teleconferencing Free Promotion Features

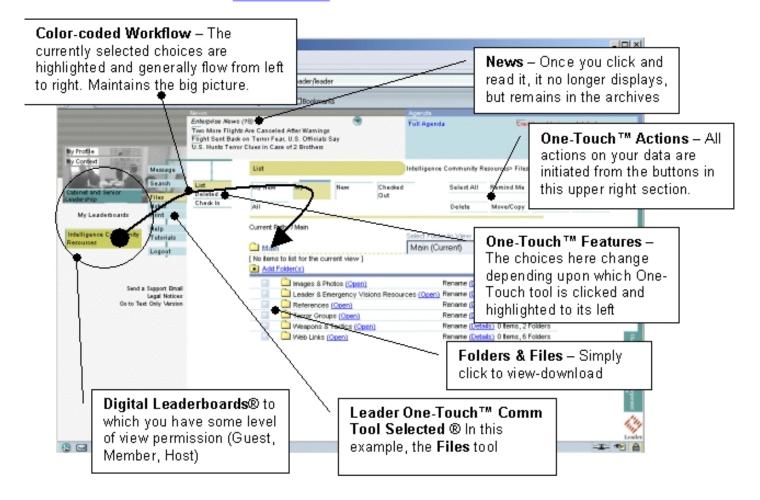
Go to www.leaderphone.com for full details about LeaderPhone® - 9.5 cents per minute



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#### Leader2Leader® Event Collaboration Control Console

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#### Leader2Leader® User Tips:

- We welcome your suggestions for changes, new features, problems experienced at <u>support@leader.com</u>
- 2. While at the Terrorex 94 Conference, feel free at any time to call **Sean**McLellan, Leader Corporate Accounts, on his cell phone at (425) 894-5571

  or smclellan@leader.com for support or to discuss your needs.
- 3. If navigation seems stalled, try flushing the cache and cookies on your browser.
- 4. <u>Don't use the Back button</u> on your browser. Click on the desired button in Leader2Leader® itself. Back button support will be included in the production release. When in doubt, usually <u>List</u> is the right button to click to get back to the beginning of any tool. Alternatively, clicking on a Leaderboard® or a Leader One-Touch™ tool brings you back to the top.

Leaderboard Example: Intelligence Community
Resources
Leader One-Touch Tool Example: Files

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#### **Executive Briefing**

# Leader2Leader® Homeland Security Information Rights Management Platform

Information Rights Management (IRM) organizes access permissions to the data and the network. An <u>IRM Platform</u> enables authorized individuals to actually collaborate as well.

Traditional "rights management" involves network access, permissions, authentication, and encryption. IRM extends this concept to the information being shared among stakeholders — in other words, who should be granted access to a given piece of information and under what conditions. At its most basic level IRM defines who gets access to the information on a given topic. However, real life circumstances are never this simple. Stakeholder groups come in all sizes. Members of stakeholder groups change frequently thus requiring constant directory updating. Stakeholders use a myriad of communication media. Leaders need the flexibility to open up or lock down information sharing granularly as the circumstances dictate. Further, Leaders need to organize that information so that it becomes "intellectual capital" for later benefit. The Leader2Leader® Information Rights Management Platform is designed to extend IRM with embedded browser-based communication features that actually facilitate information sharing and collaboration across information silos.



"I was first on the scene at Ground Zero. I didn't even know for eight days that the Pentagon had been attacked... We need to greatly improve our alert communications. What we have now failed us on 9/11." — Russ Keat, Security Consultant. Found the United States Flag at Ground Zero

#### **Homeland Security Information Network**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced the launch of the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) in February 2004 as the umbrella under which DHS organizations will work together. The new system will be based upon the Joint Regional Information Exchange System (JRIES) and currently uses widely available commercial products like Microsoft SharePoint, SQL Server, Groove Networks and K2 Enterprise web

HSIN has currently adopted the U.S. Army's "swarming" approach to information sharing. The concept is solid: quickly get the information to the person who needs it. However, information security is jeopardized in the process. Swarming works best within a trusted network. By nature swarming cannot adequately address issues involving need-to-know, organizational culture, statutory requirements, civil liberties and user acceptance as information is shared across jurisdictional boundaries.

#### DHS-sponsored Terrorex 2004, Las Vegas, January 7-11, 2004

Several information-sharing models were put to the test in January 2004 at The Department of Homeland Security-sponsored "Terrorex 2004 Threat Simulation" in Las Vegas. Leader's collaboration technology was used alongside Groove. Lessons learned from Terrorex included the realization that Groove offered a tactical, "fat client" approach while Leader offered a dual tactical-strategic solution using secure "thin client" web access. Leader's technology provided the ability to maintain a strategic "big picture" of unfolding events while simultaneously providing tactical voice alerts to select groups on a need-to-know basis.

Leader's technology employs commercially available, scalable web technology and provides a viable alternative to DHS for how to solve the problems of cross-jurisdictional information sharing. Leader's technology is offered in a "platform-independent" language (Java) that can be run on any computer operating system supplied by IBM, Sun, HP, Dell, Apple, Linux, UNIX or Microsoft. By contrast, Groove and SharePoint can only run on Microsoft Windows. The swarming approach can be accommodated within the Leader environment, but unlike swarming, Leader's approach also empowers policy makers to decide and control the what's, who's, how's and when's based upon their individual responsibilities and authority levels. Leader's belief is that requiring data owners to open up their networks to "crawlers" makes networks too susceptible to security breaches. Leader believes that the better approach is to empower the data owners with the ability to manage the access rights, and then let the system accommodate individual views of that information dynamically, all without releasing a myriad of crawlers into the wild.

#### 9/11 Commission Report

Quoting several relevant portions of the 9/11 Commission Report (p. 418, soft cover):

"The current system is structured on an old mainframe, or hub-and-spoke, concept. In this older approach, each agency has its own database. Agency users send information to the database and then can retrieve it from the database."

"A decentralized network model, the concept behind much of the information revolution, shares data horizontally too. Agencies would still have their own databases, but those databases would be searchable across agency lines. In this system, secrets are protected through the design of the network and an 'information rights management' approach that controls access to the data, not access to the whole network."

#### Leader's Team Tackled The Most Elusive Problems in Information Rights Management

Leader Technologies formed a technology "dream team" starting in 1997 to address the most elusive problems in large-scale collaborative environments. This effort yielded numerous patentable inventions

that are now commercially available and designed to aid in protecting our nation from threats both foreign and domestic.

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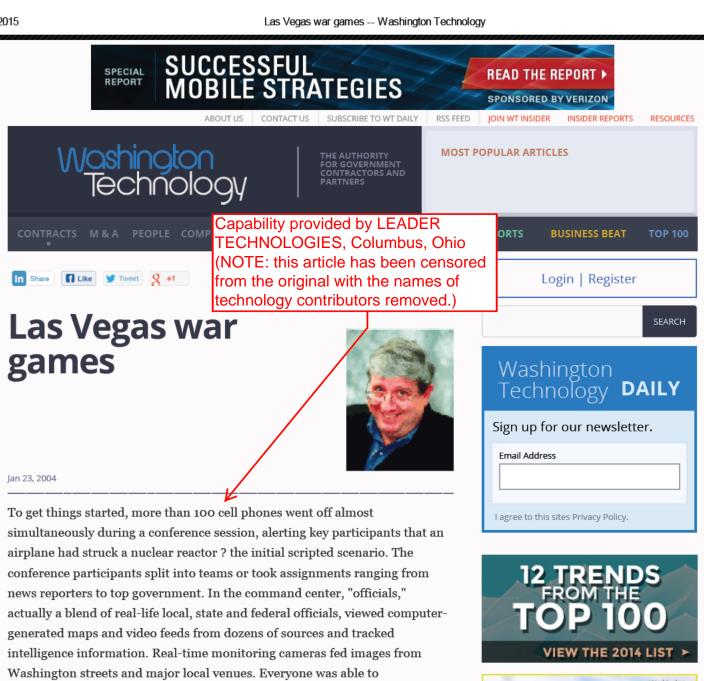
During these efforts Leader Technologies teamed with the U.S. Department of Energy - Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory to build a "security shield" prototype that included video security. To quote from Livermore's project report: "This effort resulted in a wired security shield for communication, storing, retrieving, collaborating and analyzing signals and human intelligence input that can be rapidly deployed." (CRADA No. TC-2030-01) Leader2Leader® provides an industrial-strength communications environment that will facilitate Prevention, Analysis, Coping & Recovery - critical elements of signals and human intelligence continuum required to protect our homeland. The platform can be implemented locally, regionally, nationally and internationally in both subscription and premise-based service arrangements depending upon the functionality required. Further, the system is capable of managing complex "many-to-many" sets of rights and permissions governing access to data on a need-to-know basis

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simultaneously during a conference session, alerting key participants that an airplane had struck a nuclear reactor? the initial scripted scenario. The conference participants split into teams or took assignments ranging from news reporters to top government. In the command center, "officials," actually a blend of real-life local, state and federal officials, viewed computergenerated maps and video feeds from dozens of sources and tracked intelligence information. Real-time monitoring cameras fed images from Washington streets and major local venues. Everyone was able to interconnect with appropriate contacts ostensibly around the country, although actually just down the hotel corridor in other meeting room clusters. During the exercise, many participants reverted to non-tech behaviors. "They chose not to use the technology we provided, because it was easier for them to go to conventional ways," Solomon said. "For example, we had video conference technology across all the simulation locations, but just as in real life, [the participants] chose to go find" the appropriate source in person. The exercise included some terrifying twists. There was a simulated bomb factory in a hotel suite. By interrogating the "terrorists" there, participants tracked down that site and stopped some of the attacks by combining information from federal, state and local offices, Solomon said. The unclassified exercise, structured as an information-sharing project, demonstrated that the "only way to succeed was to combine federal and state agencies," Solomon said. It was intended to encourage officials to "step outside familiar boxes to see how they can use" the tools and connections, he said.

Among the lessons learned was the inherent finger-pointing in such



situations. "The tools are only as useful as the events they can be applied to," said Ken Clayton, a computer subject matter expert at Boeing who also helped design and manage the Terrorex O4 project. "We need creative thinkers who can put these tools to use."

Christian Dunn, marketing director of National Conference Services Inc., the Columbia, Md., trade show firm that organized the program (http://www.FederalEvents.com), said the organization plans to do the exercise again, though he didn't specify a date.

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