

LLP of Nampa, Idaho, and PlanetGov Inc. of Fairfax, Va., will vie for task orders under PCHS-2, commonly referred to as Peaches.

The four vendors will provide hardware, software, security and wireless services. The contracts have one-year base periods and four option years.

Compaq and Micron shared the first PCHS deal, with each winning a \$741 million contract in 1997. —P. Vasishtha



## Raytheon files second protest on FAA's ERAM

A billion-dollar air traffic modernization project faces its second protest in two years from Raytheon Co.

Raytheon filed a protest March 29, alleging that competing bidder Lockheed Martin Corp. had an unfair advantage in winning a Federal Aviation Administration contract, FAA spokeswoman Tammy Jones said.

FAA last month released a request for information for the En Route Automation Modernization project, an initiative to upgrade hardware and software at 20 en route centers.

"We believe the playing field isn't level and that we have a valid, compelling reason for this action," Raytheon spokeswoman Blanche E. Necessary said in a statement. "We believe Raytheon has excellent credentials and available technology for this program."

The company also protested in February of last year after FAA

for the long-delayed Standard Terminal Automation Replacement System.

The displays went in last month at Memphis International Airport in Tennessee and Bradley International Airport at Windsor Locks, Conn.

The advantage of deploying the early display configuration is a faster transition to full STARS, said Bill Voss, director of FAA's Terminal Business Service.

The STARS contractor, Raytheon Co., has a 2005 deadline for new displays at 172 civilian airports and a 2007 deadline for up to 199 military airports. STARS is four years behind schedule, and Congress has mandated a schedule for limited production of early displays this year.

Jim Arena, Raytheon's STARS

Federal and industry systems employees are a step closer to being able to switch jobs.

The House by voice vote last week passed the Digital Tech Corps Act. The bill, HR 3925, would give midlevel government IT employees the opportunity to work with companies and share lessons learned with their agencies. Employees would be able to switch jobs for up to two years.

"The bill has a simple premise: Through partnership, the public and private sector can do a better job of tackling government's IT skills shortage than the government can do alone," said Rep. Tom Davis (R-Va.), the bill's sponsor. "It will improve the skills of federal IT managers by exposing them to cutting-edge management trends in the private sector and help federal

The bill will now be sent to the Senate, where Sen. George Voinovich (R-Ohio) introduced a companion version in February. —J. Miller

## Flyzik will advise Ridge on IT security

Starting today, James Flyzik will be on detail as the senior adviser for IT on homeland security director Tom Ridge's staff.

Flyzik, acting assistant secretary for information systems at the Treasury Department, discussed his new assignment this month at the 4th Annual Concert for a Cure Black-Tie Gala to

post Aug. 1. —P. Vasishtha

## DOD taps IBM to plan financial architecture

The Defense Department has hired IBM Corp. to develop a DOD-wide financial enterprise architecture.

Under a \$100 million blanket purchasing agreement, IBM will team with Accenture LLP of Chicago; American Management Systems Inc. of Fairfax, Va.; DynCorp of Reston, Va.; KPMG LLP of New York; and Science Applications International Corp.

The companies will work with the department's Financial Management Modernization Program Office to "design a blueprint for future DOD investments in business management information technology," according to a DOD statement (see story, Page 34).

"Through this plan, we intend to have relevant, reliable and timely financial information available on a routine basis," said Dov S. Zakheim, undersecretary of Defense and DOD's chief financial officer. "This capability will support informed decision-making at all levels throughout the department."

The work, which DOD expects will conclude by March, will focus on consolidating hundreds of disparate financial systems. —D.S. Onley

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## Hi-res scans save rare books



*Parus rufus, de Dole de Brevin.*  
de G. G. de Brevin.

"Somewhere down the road" computer monitors will show higher-resolution images than the Web's current 72 dots per inch, said Martin R. Kalfatovic, head of the Smithsonian Institution's New Media Office.


His office has begun saving Web images at 96 dpi and scanning the Smithsonian's rarest books at up to 600 dpi. Each page of a 17th- or 18th-century scientific volume takes about five minutes to capture with a 35-mm scanning-back camera from Phase One Inc. of Northport, N.Y. Archiving a single page occupies up to 100M on a tape library run by IBM's Tivoli Storage Manager application.

Some of the books are unique or the only copies in North America. Web posting lets Smithsonian and other scientists worldwide study the rare images, at [www.sil.si.edu/DigitalCollections](http://www.sil.si.edu/DigitalCollections), without damaging them.

Less rare materials are contracted out for scanning, Kalfatovic said, and some are being keyed and tagged in Extensible Markup Language for reuse. A consortium of national museums in several countries is working on an XML document type definition for taxonomic literature, he said. —S.M. Menke



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