

For Immediate Release**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AWARDS IT GOVERNANCE CONTRACT TO ICOR PARTNERS**

ICOR to deliver life-cycle IT investment management (ITIM) services using the Worklenz project portfolio management software application from Métier, Ltd.

Arlington, Virginia, January 3, 2007 – ICOR Partners LLC, a leading public-sector strategy, transformation, and business improvement consulting firm, announced today that it has been awarded a contract by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of the Chief Information Officer to provide information technology investment management (ITIM) services.

Under the contract, which has one base period and two option periods, ICOR will provide management consulting services to support the Department's continued implementation and maturity of IT investment management processes using industry best practices and the General Accountability Office (GAO) ITIM Framework. ICOR, with support from its teaming partner, Métier, Ltd., will utilize the Métier Worklenz project portfolio management software in a hosted software-as-a-service model to provide the full range of IT governance services to include life-cycle IT investment management, capital planning and investment control, project management, portfolio management, and earned value management.

"The software-as-a-service model combined with our emphasis on applying IT governance best practices will provide a foundation for the Department to improve oversight and alignment of the investment portfolio, inform decision-making, and strategically allocate its resources," said Wayne Simmons, ICOR's chief executive officer and managing partner. "We believe that this new model will allow the Department and the Office of the CIO to benefit from reduced operating costs, streamlined operations, faster access to advanced IT governance capabilities and the ability to focus its resources on its core mission."

About ICOR Partners, LLC

ICOR Partners, LLC is a leading public-sector strategy, transformation, and business improvement consulting firm. ICOR's mission is to be the trusted advisor that helps public sector clients achieve sustainable success by solving their most critical management, organizational, technical, and operational challenges. ICOR's clients include the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Defense, American Red Cross, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and U.S. House of Representatives. ICOR is a veteran-owned business and is headquartered in Arlington, Virginia. For more information, visit www.icorpartners.com.

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