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Strategic Alliance-Brisbane Consulting Group, LLC

Buffalo, NY- April, 2010 – Brisbane Consulting Group, LLC (Brisbane) has established a strategic alliance with DIGITS (Digital Information Gathering & Investigative Technologies, Inc.) of Western New York. Brisbane offers exceptional expertise in business valuation, license and degree valuation and litigation support which compliment the wide-ranging

computer forensics, corporate investigations and e-discovery services offered by DIGITS. This alliance will allow both companies to enhance the support and services offered to their clients.

Brisbane's Managing Director, Louis J. Cercone, J r . C P A / A B V ,



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Digits Signs National Training Deal

DIGITS is proud to announce our new partnership with ASPE Inc., a national leader in providing skills-based training solutions for the Information Technology, Systems/Software Development Lifecycle, and Financial markets.



For the first offering, DIGITS has designed a curriculum and course entitled *Planning & Executing E-Discovery & Data Recovery Strategies*. This two-day training, targeting information technology and executive business leaders covers the reasons, purpose, and execution of creating a viable E-

Discovery plan. This course will provide the attendee an overview of forensics and data recovery as well as the legal overview of discovery. Students will take away a

much better understanding of why and how to be prepared for discovery requests and will be more informed as to what is available from discoverable data.

The first class is slated for June 1 and 2 in Denver, Colorado. Other dates will follow. For more information, please check out <http://www.aspe-it.com/courses/9605/>.

DIGITS Delivers CLE Noon Day Lecture

On March 31, 2010, DIGITS teamed with Christopher W. McMaster, Esq. to deliver a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) accredited lecture to the Erie County Bar Association. Computer Forensics 101 was designed to provide participants with a working knowledge of computer forensics, what it is, what and how the data is extracted and why it is relevant in most cases in today's legal



arena. The program detailed the value of forensically extracted electronically stored information (ESI) and how that information can add significant value to litigation, corpo-

rate investigations and labor law disputes. Christopher McMaster detailed the current federal and state case law effecting E-Discovery, cost shifting, and necessity of understanding what ESI is available from forensic analysis. Stay tuned for more Bar Association CLE accredited classes delivered by DIGITS coming this summer. For more information contact Michael McCartney at Michael.mccartney@dig-its.com.

“Who ya gonna call?”

By Bradley J. Bartram

The other day, as I was sitting at my desk, my phone rang. The caller was an acquaintance from some years back but now works for one of the high-dollar, big-name accounting/forensic firms downstate. After we exchanged greetings and some minor small talk, he got to the point of his call. He had a team out on an engagement that got caught in a bind. They were dealing with a high availability linux system and had to get a forensic-grade image of the system's memory for analysis. The problem was, they didn't have a tool that was working for them. The rest of the call was spent providing some options that his team could try and some steps they could take to troubleshoot why things weren't working.

This call raised some interesting points that I wanted to take this space to share. First and foremost, do well known firm names really guarantee superior technical ability? Are you paying for talent or marketing? If you've been around in business long enough, you probably know the answer. If you peruse the traditional job websites, you can see a continuous

opening for people in this specialty in these high dollar firms.

Secondly, are the people being hired to do a job up to the task

at hand? Depending on your need, it may be very simple to find a qualified individual. It may also be quite difficult. Take for example the most common request we get, which is to forensically examine a user's Microsoft Windows computer. This is normally quite a simple task – much like the oil change of forensics to use a car analogy. Depending on the specifics, there are a lot of resources available to do this task both in terms of people and software tools. As



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ASA,CVA,CFF is excited about this new alliance stating "The combined professionalism, court recognized expertise, and qualifications of the two organizations will bring additional value to our clients in the corporate and legal industries. All of our business valuation reports conform to the standards promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the American Society of Appraisers, the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts and the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice. Our alliance with DIGITS will provide an additional enhancement to safeguard the data used to create these reports."

Michael McCartney, DIGITS President & CEO, said "We look forward to being able to extend our computer forensic services to Brisbane and the forensic accounting industry. Combining the expertise of our two firms greatly enhances the service offerings and value to our collective clients and customers. DIGITS is a company focused on assisting businesses with the complex hurdles associated with obtaining digital information and electronically stored information (ESI) required for litigation and legal disputes. By associating with Brisbane Consulting Group, DIGITS' services are now available to a much wider audience."

WNY IIA - The Institute of Internal Auditors - Fraud & Data Analysis

Michael McCartney will be presenting at the WNY and Rochester chapters of the Institute of Internal Auditors Fraud & Data Analysis Seminar on April 28th 2010 at Terry Hills Golf Course, Rochester, NY. The program is jam packed with content including:

Consilium1 – IT Services & Solution Provider (www.consilium1.com) entitled *Holistic View of Risk Management – Security vs. Compliance*. Overview – In the cat and mouse game of IT Security, companies can "check a box" that they are compliant - but are they really secure? A typical approach many companies take is to "fix it" to meet compliance standards, then stick their head back in the sand until the next audit event and hope nothing happens. The question is: Who is responsible...or liable if something does happen? In this session, we will discuss how to overcome the "check box" approach to security. We will provide an ethical hacker's perspective on most organization's open door policy as it relates to compliance and how you can

help them establish a security program that directs them towards consistent compliance.

Bob Koster and Jason Wood will present on *ACL Data Analytics*. Overview – Demonstration of the



specific functions and capabilities in ACL, including classification, stratification, sorting, cross-tabulation and summation. A hands on illustration of how data can easily be brought into ACL from any environment without altering the base data. The presentation will include an ACL script to highlight the ease of use and capabilities for detecting fraud.

Michael McCartney – DIGITS, (www.dig-its.com) entitled *Computer Forensics 101*. Overview - We use data in our corporate lives everyday for communication, production, finance, analysis, business intelligence and many other functions. But do we know what tracks and traces we are leaving behind? In this session, we will cover an overview of what Computer Forensics is, where and what critical data is typically recoverable and how it can help in any corporate investigation or audit.

The program will finish up with a Open Panel Discussion & Networking session. For more information or to sign up go to http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/view.event_detail/cid/24/event_id/15591

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we know, working the keyboard to obtain data is only one small part of the value equation however, but that's not my point here.

Once we leave the Windows world, things begin to get more difficult, very quickly. What happens when the engagement calls for Macintosh examination? It's 10% of the market right now, but there are fewer than 10% of the available professionals that are comfortable enough to provide good results. How about Linux? How many professionals can provide value on this operating system and its many flavors? What about servers? We now have big hardware, storage arrays, cloud computing, virtualization, and many different operating systems and configurations. How many forensic professionals have managed big enterprise grade data stores? How many have worked with big hardware and complex

software to keep it running in a mission critical environment?

When the time comes for action, your clients don't want or need someone to extract their data who isn't fully versed in the nuances of infrastructure – not just Windows desktops. You and your clients want someone to extract and analyze data who has a respect not only for the process at hand, but also understands how this data is important to the business and respects both the data as well as the business processes it supports.

So, who are you going to call? I would recommend the same people that the big expensive firms call when they need help...DIGITS.

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