

## **Microsoft Awards First Prize to Solien Client International Medical Corps for Technology That Will Expedite Emergency Responses**

**Santa Monica, California – May 9, 2007** — Microsoft has awarded Los Angeles-based International Medical Corps (IMC) one of two first prizes in its pioneering “Develop Without Borders Challenge”. Geared toward helping philanthropic organizations function more efficiently, the competition challenged software developers to come up with technology solutions to address business problems using 2007 Microsoft Office software. The solution designed for IMC by Solien Technology was selected from hundreds of proposals submitted for non-profit organizations around the globe. The prize money will be used to create a system to help IMC’s human resources department streamline international recruitment, which will expedite the process of identifying qualified employees and deploying them to the field for emergency responses.

“I am grateful for Microsoft’s recognition of International Medical Corps’ work,” said Nancy Ossey, President & CEO. “A humanitarian organization like IMC can’t operate on donations of medicine and supplies alone. This technology will go a long way toward improving our hiring process so we can respond to emergencies as quickly and efficiently as possible.”

The \$25,000 prize—one of four awarded by Microsoft to charities from as far away as Brazil and Australia—includes \$2,000 worth of hardware, \$6,000 worth of software, and \$17,000 worth of IT services to implement the software solution. Using a Microsoft application called SharePoint Server 2007, California-based Solien Technology is building an online portal similar to an intranet site that will be accessible to recruiters and hiring managers all over the world, so they can easily share information about potential employees. “Because we’re a large global organization, people are working in different time zones, which makes communicating about job applicants via email and phone complicated,” said Bill Hyde, IMC’s Director of Operations and Knowledge Management, who oversees international recruiting. “This system will create a central repository of information, where recruiters can review application materials, from interview notes to background checks, helping us in the critical task of finding good personnel and deploying them to the field as quickly as possible.”

“When we designed the contest, we wanted to make sure that any proposed solutions would have real, positive impact on the non-profit organizations,” said Jay Paulus, Director of the Microsoft Office Platform Marketing team. “We could see right away that the solution would allow IMC to get its volunteers out into the field faster—and that means faster help for people in need.”

### **About Solien Technology**

Solien Technology, founded in 1994, provides customized premium business application development, portal solutions, business intelligence, application integration, and project management for companies ranging from start-ups to Fortune 500 companies. Solien is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner with competencies in Data Management Solutions and Information Worker Solutions. Solien’s expertise, combined with proven effectiveness in implementing software solutions and close collaboration with the client, helps clients gain competitive advantage and turn their vision into reality. For more information about Solien Technology, please visit <http://www.solien.com> or call (310) 576-2727.

### **About International Medical Corps.**

Since its inception in 1984, IMC’s mission has been consistent: relieve the suffering of those impacted by war, natural disaster and disease, by delivering vital health care services that focus on training. This approach of helping people help themselves is critical to returning devastated populations to self-reliance.

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