

Sun Microsystems Selects Gevo Associates for World-Wide Identity Management Deployment Manager

MENLO PARK, Calif., Aug. -- Sun Microsystems, Inc. (Nasdaq: SUNW), founder and lead advocate for Java(TM) technology, today announced that General Electric (GE) is deploying Sun Java System Identity Manager, the provisioning component of the Sun Java Enterprise System, across all GE business units and 450,000 users on a global scale. Using Identity Manager, GE can automatically and securely provision and de-provision user accounts based on an individual's specific job function, geography and role.

Selected for the Program Management role is George A. Gevo, President of Gevo Associates, Inc. "The role of Program Manager is critical for an implementation of this nature; one that spans multiple business units; involves multiple partners and affects thousands of end users", according to George Gevo. "Our firm's expertise with organizations like NCR, Unisys and Lockheed Martin make us the perfect choice for a program of this magnitude and we've very excited to work with such prestigious partners", he added.

"Sun Java System Identity Manager gives us an exceptional platform for managing identity profiles and permissions, which enhances our overall enterprise security while allowing us to reduce operation costs," said Tom Sheffield, manager, Identity & Access Management at GE. "Sun's identity management solution greatly reduces the time it takes to get users up and running productively, change user access privileges and to instantly and securely revoke accounts when their relationship with our company ends."

Identity Manager provides GE with visibility and control over its global user accounts and access privileges from a central location. It provides GE role- and rules-based provisioning and enables GE to set provisioning policies on users, organizations, resources, roles, or groups, which ensures that its corporate security requirements are automatically enforced. In addition, the Sun solution helps to provide GE with the ability to easily review the status of access privileges at any time, which both improves audit performance and helps achieve compliance with governmental mandates.

"Companies are facing unprecedented challenges in protecting sensitive data, increasing business process efficiencies, and struggling to implement effective security controls across their entire organization," said Sara Gates, vice president, Identity Management at Sun Microsystems, Inc. "Companies face the critical issue of having corporate officers and managers easily obtain information about 'who' has access to the various company applications and systems in order to ensure this regulatory compliance. The Sun Java System Identity Management Suite is helping companies like GE automate their identity management processes, reduce costs and help meet the challenges of regulatory compliance."

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