



## Smart Card Alliance Presents Outstanding Smart Card Achievement Awards

*State Department, Gemalto, Neville Pattinson receive awards*

**SMART CARD ALLIANCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, SAN DIEGO, October 4, 2006** – The Smart Card Alliance today announced the 2006 awards for “Outstanding Smart Card Achievement” (OSCA) in the North American smart card industry during its annual conference. Selected for awards were the U.S. Department of State for Outstanding Issuer Organization, Gemalto for Outstanding Supplier Organization and Neville Pattinson, director, technology and government affairs, Gemalto North America for the Outstanding Individual Leadership Award.

“With exciting advances and adoption across all sectors, smart card technology really has a bright future in North America,” said Randy Vanderhoof, executive director of the Smart Card Alliance. “This momentum represents the fruits of labor of many organizations. These recipients have been singled out for recognition because of their dedication, leadership and commitment to success, which best represents the enormous successes we have witnessed in the North American smart card market.”

A judging panel consisting of smart card industry leaders along with individuals from the analyst and media communities evaluated all qualified OSCA applications and scored them according to their merits and impact on the industry. The judges’ combined scores were then used to select the winners.

- The ***Outstanding Issuing Organization*** award went to the ***U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services***. The U.S. State Department added contactless smart card technology to passports to prevent counterfeiting and to better link the passport to the person to whom it was issued. After nearly two years of thorough technology testing and production qualification, the State Department started issuing electronic passports in August 2006 and plans to incorporate the contactless smart card capability in the expected 16 million new passports to be issued in the 2007 calendar year. The State Department’s groundbreaking use of contactless smart card technology better protects our country’s international travelers, enables fast immigration processes and improves the security of the passport booklet.

“The Department of State is honored to have been selected by the Smart Card Alliance as the Outstanding Issuing Organization,” said Frank Moss, deputy assistant secretary of state for passport services. “As a result of the cooperation of other government agencies and the smart card industry we are now beginning production of what we believe is the world's most secure e-Passport. We appreciate greatly this recognition by the Smart Card Alliance of our work to issue to literally millions of American citizens each year a globally interoperable e-Passport that balances so effectively border security and personal identity protection objectives.”

- The **Outstanding Supplier Organization** award went to **Gemalto**. Formed in June 2006 by the combination of Axalto and Gemplus International S.A., Gemalto is a world leader in digital security, producing smart cards and related services. The company has demonstrated leadership in every sector of the North American smart card market. Gemalto's achievements in North America include shipping 11 million DoD Common Access Card identity credentials, 5 million contactless smart cards and the majority of the 80 million SIM cards in the mobile phones of active GSM subscribers in the region. Recently Gemalto also received a contract to supply technology for the new electronic passport program. Companies using Gemalto smart cards and solutions for IT security include 4 of the top 5 oil companies; 3 of the top 5 pharmaceutical companies; Boeing, Microsoft and Sun; and many others.

“This is a validation of our work to protect the end users' digital identities and data with personalized and secure devices and software,” said Ernie Berger, president, Gemalto North America. “Our customers share in this honor, as they have recognized the value of smart card technology and are using it to protect everything from federal and enterprise data to financial transactions and mobile phones.”

- The recipient of the **Individual Leadership Award** was **Neville Pattinson**, director of technology and government affairs, Gemalto North America. Pattinson is a leading expert on smart cards and using the microprocessor chip to keep identity credential data and biometrics secure and private. He has been heavily involved in planning and implementing a number of federal government security initiatives including: the Department of Defense Common Access Card (CAC); the State Department's Electronic Passport; the Department of Transportation's Transportation Worker Identity Credential (TWIC) and the Transportation Security Administration's Registered Traveler programs. Pattinson also played a key role in the government and industry activities that led up to the publication of FIPS 201 in response to HSPD-12.

Pattinson was recently named to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Data Privacy and Integrity Advisory Committee. He is an active

board member of the International Biometric Industry Association (IBIA) and the Smart Card Alliance, the co-chair of the Smart Card Alliance Identity Council, and a founding member of the Secure ID Coalition.

“With so many high power people working in the smart card industry and in the organizations deploying the technology, I am extremely proud to be recognized for this award,” said Pattinson. “I have had the privilege to collaborate with leading government agencies and systems integration partners. Though this is an individual award, it goes without saying that my contributions are a reflection on the major work that the entire Gemalto team does every day to provide trust in identities and information.”

Participating on the judging panel for the 2006 OSCA awards were Michael Butler, Department of Defense; Chris Corum, Avisian Publications; Gerald Hubbard, Datacard Group; Wendy Humphrey, First Data Corporation; Bryan Ichikawa, Unisys; James Van Dyke, Javelin Research and Strategy; and Kevin Woodward, SourceMedia.

#### **About the Smart Card Alliance**

The Smart Card Alliance is a not-for-profit, multi-industry association working to stimulate the understanding, adoption, use and widespread application of smart card technology. Through specific projects such as education programs, market research, advocacy, industry relations and open forums, the Alliance keeps its members connected to industry leaders and innovative thought. The Alliance is the single industry voice for smart cards, leading industry discussion on the impact and value of smart cards in the U.S. and Latin America. For more information please visit <http://www.smartcardalliance.org>.

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