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HHS AWARDS CONTRACTS TO DEVELOP NATIONWIDE

HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK

HHS Secretary Mike Leavitt announced November 10, 2005 the award of contracts totaling \$18.6 million to four groups of health care and health information technology organizations to develop prototypes for Nationwide Health Information Network (NHIN) architecture. The contracts awarded to these four consortia will move the nation toward the President's goal of personal electronic health records by creating a uniform architecture for health care information that can follow consumers throughout their lives.

These contracts complete the foundation for an interoperable, standards-based network for the secure exchange of health care information.

The Accenture consortia consists of Apelon, Cisco, CGI-AMS, **Creative Computing Solutions**, eTech Security Pro, Intellithought, Lucent Glow, Oakland Consulting Group, Oracle, and Quovadx. This group will work with the following health market areas: Eastern Kentucky Regional Health Community (Kentucky); CareSpark (Tennessee); and West Virginia eHealth Initiative (West Virginia).

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More details on these contracts are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/healthit>.