Anite wins $8.8 million deal with Defence Housing Authority

Global IT solutions and services company, Anite International Australia, today signed an $8.8 million contract with the Defence Housing Authority (DHA) to deliver a property management system. DHA provides housing to Australian Defence Force members and their families - many of whom are located in remote areas across the country. With over 30,000 Defence relocations taking place each year, DHA provides a valuable service to Defence families.The project will see Anite deliver a suite of property management modules from its Anite Housing solution to assist DHA better manage its 17,300 properties and provide a more efficient service for its customers.Anite will customise the chosen modules to meet DHAs exact requirements and integrate the system with a number of other applications currently being used by the Authority. The Anite property management system is expected to be implemented in the second quarter of 2005. DHA will consider migration to Anites web based .NET product once it has been successfully implemented for the Victoria Office of Housing.Damien Kenny, Regional Managerof Public Sector for Anite International - Australia, said the win cemented Anites position as the leading housing management supplier in Australia.We have enjoyed a 100% hit rate with our housing management solutions in Australia so far. Since opening our doors in August 2003, the Defence Housing Authority has become our second major client. This win confirms our strategy of delivering modular solutions that can be tailored to meet our clients needs.Anite is also working with the Victorian Office of Housing to develop a next generation housing system worth $30 million over seven years.Furthermore, were maintaining active dialogue with other states and territories - all of which have expressed a keen interest in our housing solutions, Damien added.Keith Lyon, Managing Director for Defence Housing Authority (DHA) said: Anite Housing gives us a solid platform on which to manage our future growth. Our strategic vision is to web-enable a number of our housing related processes and were pleased to be working with Anite towards achieving this vision.Anite Housing is a proven product with over 40 successful implementations in the UK. The technology was developed on the Powerbuilder platform and is underpinned by an Oracle database. Since launching in August 2003, Anite has created nearly 100 full-time jobs for Australian ICT professionals and established a state-of-the-art .NET development centre in Melbourne.About Anite International AustraliaAnite International Australia is a wholly owned subsidiary of Anite Group Plc. The company specialises in providing software solutions and services to the public sector, telecommunications, travel and finance sectors worldwide.In August 2003, Anite International established permanent operations in Asia Pacific, after winning a AU$30 million contract with the Victorian Office of Housing and after identifying other significant business opportunities in the region. To support this expansion, the company has also committed to creating 100 new ICT jobs for Australians by mid 2004.Established in 1994, Anites commercial strengths are defined by vertical expertise over many years, a diverse product portfolio and willingness to tackle and integrate technically complex solutions. The company has grown through a number of strategic business opportunities and has over 2,300 consultants working in Germany, France, UK, Italy, Finland, USA and the Benelux.With its regional headquarters in Melbourne (Aust), Anite International Australia also has offices established in Sydney.