

## **Ajaxo Announced APOE for Sarbanes-Oxley 404 Compliance**

February 22, 2005 (Cupertino, CA) Ajaxo is proud to announce a new product - Accountable Performance by Objective for Enterprise (APOE) - the first tool that addresses Sarbanes- Oxley Section 404 using Semantic Network Technology. The tool enables the C-suite management of an enterprise to answer the compliance requirements and improve the tracking of business performance throughout the organization.

Many executives believe the compliance requirement is an opportunity for an enterprise to ameliorate its internal control management for better performance and better earnings. The adverse is true if the implementation of internal control management reduces the efficiency of operation and aggravates disparities among subsidiaries and divisions. APOE offers a harmonic approach to internal control management. APOE is an enterprise-wide document management system with an integrated graphical dashboard. Implementation of APOE solution is a simple and swift experience. It consists of four major steps:

1. Define compliance objects
2. Design and implement the object framework using a semantic network
3. Upload documents into the document container (a central document repository)
4. Navigate the graphical panel to examine and audit for compliance

To begin, APOE emphasizes on a framework that is based on the organizational chart of an enterprise. An organizational chart identifies assignments and responsibilities. By connecting workers to responsibilities, and by providing a framework that will store documents according to functionality and responsibility, management can identify material weakness and take remedial action before it becomes an issue.

APOE transform the organizational chart into a semantic network. A semantic network is consisted of context nodes interconnected by relationships. It is a form of knowledge base commonly used in the science of artificial intelligence. Analogously, APOE uses the semantic network to describe the knowledge base of an enterprise. Each node in APOE's semantic network is a basic element of the enterprise, i.e., job title, project, operation, etc. Details pertaining to the projects, plans, and operation are then added to the semantic network as context nodes to form a combined framework. Relationships between people and workflow are used to depict the assignments of the projects, plans, and operations. Each semantic network node identifies its context and relationship with other nodes. Each node in the semantic network is a document container. Employees responsible for the context of a node can drop documents into the node.

Senior management uses a graphical panel to navigate the semantic network and view documents related to a semantic network node. Using APOE as a framework, executives will pulverize the complexity of an enterprise into nodes and relations one node at a time. Chief officers and auditors can instantly triangulate the information to validate and examine every aspect of the business operation from the financial report level and drill down to the actual transaction level with perfect clarity. It encourages an enterprise wide participation to achieve a successful and sustainable internal control management.

The effort of internal control management over financial reporting is made easy by systematically consolidating relevant documents according to the organization structure.

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