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## **Computas wins strategic orders from US authorities**

**Computas, a subsidiary of the TurnIT Group, has won five strategic orders from US authorities, the largest of which is from the Department of Defense. The initial order value amounts to approximately SEK 2,2 million, for licenses for the Metis software. A number of other US authorities are currently evaluating Metis.**

Computas has received orders for Metis from the Department of Defense, the US Treasury, the Bureau of Census, the Treasury Department's Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Environmental Protection Agency. A number of other US authorities are currently engaged in testing and evaluating Metis.

The background to the breakthrough with Metis among US authorities is a major effort within the government on Enterprise Architecture ,EA. EA has the purpose to improve the management of operations and processes, and to improve decision-making in the allocation of funds for improvements as the government implements new digital services to the citizens. Computas has a great deal of experience in building and developing such systems, and has a strong position in the public sector in Norway.

"The US authorities set very stringent requirement specifications, and Metis fulfilled them. We regard these orders as a breakthrough for Metis, and I am hoping for more contracts with other US authorities," says Kent Karlsson, President of TurnIT.

"Clients who have tested and evaluated Metis have been full of praise for the product. They regard Metis as a very powerful tool for constructing complex architecture for operating models," says Jostein Skjørberg, President of Computas AS.

Metis is used for visual modelling of complex connections particularly in large organisations. Metis gives authorities and companies better decision-making data in major projects, complex organisational questions, evaluating whole operations and much more. It helps reduce decision times, significantly improving understanding and acceptance of decisions and plans. Computas launched a new version of Metis during the second half of 2002.

"The Treasury Department's Bureau of Engraving and Printing is using Metis from Computas AS of Lysaker, Norway, to build its EA", said Susan Warshaw, the bureau's chief IT architect. Warshaw said she chose it because it has a shorter learning curve than similar programs as well as an integrated repository, good access to external data, and support for the parent agency's Treasury Enterprise Architecture Framework. Read more on: [http://gcn.com/21\\_27/mgmt\\_edition/19835-1.html](http://gcn.com/21_27/mgmt_edition/19835-1.html).

**Computas** is a consulting and product company which offers technology-based knowledge management. The company develops computer-based systems which make it possible to survey, preserve, create, distribute, use and improve the collective knowledge which exists in companies and organisations. Computas is currently the market leader in knowledge management in Norway. Computas clients include the Norwegian Police and Judicial Service, the Norwegian Employment Agency, the Norwegian Immigration Directorate, Det Norske Veritas, EDS, SKF, NCR and Boeing.

The company's head office is in Lysaker (Norway) and there are offices in Stockholm, Seattle and London. Computas was founded in 1985, and has been an associate company of TurnIT since 1998. Read more on [www.computas.no](http://www.computas.no)

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