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RCG IT Shares Software Development Best Practices in New White Paper

Edison, NJ, June 27, 2005 – Software testing has often been treated by IT as a stepchild. Testing is rarely formalized and the usual objective is to meet a minimum requirement. The tides are turning, especially as customer-facing applications over the web highlight inefficient design and architecture, bugs, and software errors. Businesses are slowly becoming more proactive and diligent about creating a strategy and plan for QA and software testing and starting the testing early in the development life cycle, much before applications are deployed into production.

Bob Wegener, RCG IT National Practice Director for QA and Software Testing, has authored a practical seven-page white paper in which he examines how organizations can improve their QA and testing best practices. The standards against which best practices are evaluated comprise a body of work based on RCG IT's proprietary testing methodologies and experience, as well as guidelines issued by the Software Engineering Institute for its Capability Maturity Model® assessments, IEEE standards, ISO 9000 and the Quality Assurance Institute (QAI).

"The bottom line is that testing is an ongoing process and needs to be integrated into the software development life cycle," says Mr. Wegener. "Test strategies and plans should be designed in conjunction with each feature and function upfront, so that any specific testing needs can be identified and included in the development of the component and the testing environment."

Some of the topics covered in the white paper include what should be tested, guidelines for creating Master Testing Strategies and Plans, Testing Processes and Procedures, etc. The white paper is targeted to C-level executives, IT developers and practitioners and testers.

Download a copy of the white paper from RCG IT's website, www.rcgit.com.

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