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## A.J. Boggs & Company Awarded Library of Congress Contract

East Lansing, Mich. —

A.J. Boggs & Company (AJBoggs) was selected by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) to extend and revise the functionality of their legislative “Text Analysis Program” (TAP) that assists Legislative Analysts to quickly identify similarities and differences across new and prior legislation. As the creator of the search engine that powers TAP, AJBoggs is pleased to continue providing the highest level of service for the U. S. Library of Congress.

CRS’ mission is to provide Congress with analysis and research services that are authoritative, objective, nonpartisan, and confidential. CRS specifically serves as a public policy research arm of the United States Congress. The “TAP” application offers tools to help analyze and compare new legislation (bills) produced by Congress with prior legislation.

AJBoggs will upgrade its PISCES search engine within CRS’ TAP service. This project encompasses a rewrite of the application from C into Microsoft .NET’s Model-View-Controller architecture. It is led by Rich Greenfield (Lead Analyst), Dean Wilder (Search Engine Expert), Catherine Villaire (Quality Assurance Manager), Joseph Kunk (Microsoft MVP), Matthew Sebenick (Software Developer), Michael S. Elledge (a Usability Expert from MSU), and Clarke Anderson (Project Manager).

The PISCES search engine was developed with Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) funding from the Defense Advanced Projects Administration (DARPA) and the USAF Research Labs at Wright Patterson AFB. The inception of PISCES was sparked as a result of collaboration in 1995 with Michigan State University (MSU) researchers during outreach projects to develop Internet-based directory and catalog services for manufacturers. In an effort to improve information directory systems, MSU led a series of collaborative meetings with librarians and Internet experts. These efforts led AJBoggs to collaborate with the Library of Congress (LoC). Key participants included Rich Wiggins, Senior Information Technologist in MSU’s Academic Computing & Network Services Department; Michael Moch, Principal Investigator and MSU Professor of Business; Chris Weider, IETF; Rich Greenfield, Bill Digest Team Leader at LoC; and Dean Wilder, lead developer of the Proximity Indexing System for Constructing Effective Searches (PISCES) search engine.

Other current clients benefiting from the power of PISCES includes the Children’s Literature Comprehensive Database (CLCD, [www.childrenslit.com](http://www.childrenslit.com)), Lansing’s Neogen Corporate website search ([www.neogen.com](http://www.neogen.com)), and the National Library of Medicine ([ToxNet](http://ToxNet) and [DirLine](http://DirLine)).

AJBoggs is a management consulting and systems integration firm headquartered in East Lansing, Michigan, with offices in Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids. AJBoggs expertise includes project management, eCommerce, IT staffing, business process analysis, computer security, systems administration, software development, and managed Internet hosting.

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