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## Allen Corporation of America Acquires WetStone Technologies

Allen Corporation of America, ranked by Deloitte & Touche as the third fastest growing technology company in Virginia, has acquired WetStone Technologies, a Cortland, New York based cyber security company. In signing documents ratifying the transaction, Allen Corporation of America's Chief Executive Officer, Carl von Sternberg, cited the increasing need to satisfy client unease about cyber security.

Upon signing the acquisition documents, Mr. von Sternberg said, "This is a strategic acquisition for corporate growth, as the proliferation of cyber crimes places a growing burden on both United States businesses and our government. WetStone is a key component of Allen Corporation's strategy to increase its product and services assets focused on satisfying the rapidly growing IT security requirements of our public and private sector clients."

Among the industry leading digital security products to be offered by the new Allen Corporation WetStone Division are

The Stego Suite™, the most advanced software bundle available for the investigation, detection, analysis and recovery of digital steganography. The term "steganography" is of Greek origin and means "covered writing." According to WetStone CEO, Chet Hosmer, "This concept was created in the Middle East, and that part of the world has been practicing the method for millennia." Both visual and scripted files can contain hidden messages so subtle that they can't be detected by the human eye or ear," according to Hosmer.

Gargoyle Investigator™ provides for standalone and enterprise-based scanning of IT assets, and includes the industry's most advanced malware detection software package and malware datasets for rapid, in-depth forensic investigations.

Digital Evidence Time Stamping ("DETS") is an additional suite of software provided by WetStone Technologies. Digital evidence is more elusive than any other form of physical evidence because it can be changed with the click of a mouse and without leaving any trace. DETS allows investigators to generate digital evidence timestamps that are cryptographically bound to the data.

Chet Hosmer, the chief scientist and CEO of WetStone Technologies, said, "Allen Corporation enhances WetStone's capabilities. Allen Corporation's award-winning subject matter expertise in Enterprise IT Management, Instructional Design and Training Delivery, and Logistics software such as Life-Cycle Maintenance provide a ready-made platform to implement our company's ongoing research and design products." He added, "Allen Corporation's presence in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, and particularly its established training facility in Fairfax, Virginia, allows us to provide local access and instruction to a large percentage of WetStone's critical government customer base."



Allen Corporation of America serves both Government and Fortune 1000 markets and has been named by Deloitte as one of the fastest growing technology companies North America for the last three years. “Acquiring new, small boutique developers who provide cutting-edge technologies to Allen Corporation clients will place the company in a competitive advantage in both the private and public sector markets. Acquisitions such as WetStone bring complementary services and intellectual property assets to the company,” said Mr. von Sternberg. He forecasts more of the same, as Allen Corporation of America continues its acquisition strategy.

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WetStone Technologies, Inc. is headquartered in Cortland, New York. The company has been developing eDiscovery, eCrime Investigation and eCompliance software and training for a worldwide customer base since 1998. WetStone also performs advanced research and development for a broad range of government, law enforcement and private sector organizations. Additional information on WetStone products and services can be found at [www.wetstonetech.com](http://www.wetstonetech.com).