



## **BiTKOO releases world's first "Chinese Walls" capability for SharePoint**

Los Angeles, California (July 7, 2009) – Los Angeles-based identity and access management software provider BiTKOO kept hearing the same requirement over and over again from some of the most prominent financial services firms in the world. That SharePoint had proliferated to become the largest collaboration hub in the company, housing critical information and that "information barriers" or "Chinese walls" as they are sometimes referred to, must be in place to prohibit collaboration between certain business units to maintain logical and ethical separation of duties enforcement. To date they had found no viable commercial solution to meet the requirement.

A classic example of information barriers is the required separation between Research and Investment Banking. This has long been mandated by regulation, and since 2001, the complexity and severity has increased significantly. This wall or barrier itself is not simple to contemplate, nor is it the only barrier. At many firms it is estimated that hundreds of information barriers are required to be maintained to support the businesses and regulatory requirements.

The challenge is most software architectures and application designs do not easily accommodate the requirements of information barriers. In most cases, information systems must be physically segregated in order to inhibit the unrestricted flow of information. This separation has, in the past, been feasible, at the cost of some flexibility and the loss of collaboration in legitimate and sanctioned use cases. However, the "brute force" method no longer serves the sophisticated needs that information barrier requirements create.

BiTKOO listened and delivered additional capabilities to the Keystone for SharePoint solution to satisfy customer requirements to actively enforce segregated access between organizational units to ensure SOD principles are followed and information barriers are maintained and enforced. No longer is it necessary to physically segregate systems or manually enforce security policies for SharePoint. Keystone provides authorization services that bridge the gap between SharePoint's own capabilities and the real-world demands of security-conscious enterprises.

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