



XSB's Pin Point Parts Research Tool Available for Government Users

Stony Brook, N.Y. – March 19, 2009 – XSB, Inc. (www.xsb.com), a Long Island based product content data management company, today announced the latest release of its Pin Point tool. Pin Point is a powerful new application for parts research. This unique web based tool enables Government approved users to search information on more than 50 million parts on Government contract. Users can search by the physical and logistic characteristics of parts enabling them to group parts into meaningful lot sizes, identify alternate sources and find engineering substitutes. Users can build reports to include procurement and pricing data as well. This is the first tool that enables Government users to conduct a comprehensive search over commercial items such as those found on DoD EMALL and GSA Advantage as well as the more familiar National Stock Numbered items.

Pin Point uses XSB's advanced technology to aggregate information on the millions of products displayed in the system. This information is collected from multiple legacy systems, vendor catalogs, Government portals and the World Wide Web. Information about products and their manufacturers is standardized into a uniform Master Data File. One of the challenges of aggregating so many data sources is the ability to differentiate identical items that are described differently. Powerful XSB standardization technology enables the Pin Point to reason about categories of items as well as different brands of products. It also reasons about the relationships between companies, an important feature because of the rate of mergers and acquisitions occurring. The tool is able to understand information buried in free text and will also interpret specifications and standards associated to a part. Powerful Web crawling technology enables Pin Point to reach out to Original Equipment Manufacturer Web sites and return product data as well as hyperlinks to photographs of specific parts. The crawlers enable Pin Point to provide information on commercial alternatives to items that may already be on contract or cataloged with the Federal Government.

The result is product data that is rich, structured, timely and complete. The Pin Point Master Data File is the largest MDF in the world; and with thousands of new items being added regularly, the system is also the fastest growing.

Pin Point has been tested by sustainment engineers, item managers and catalogers throughout the Government. Approved Government contractors are also using the tool for parts management activities such as identifying items that frequently delay or hinder the deployment of weapon systems. It has also been used to reduce inventory and group similar parts for economic procurement projects.

If you are a Government user with an approved Common Access Card (CAC) you can start using Pin Point right away by going to <https://cac-pinpoint.xsb.com>.

XSB, Inc. is a product data management technology company. The company makes a market in developing and commercializing technology to enable users to effectively aggregate, standardize and manage product and content data. The company hosts the largest commercial master data file in the world.

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