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ONVIA EARNS PRESTIGIOUS CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AWARD

Constructech Magazine Honors Onvia for Providing Innovative Technology Solutions to Help Construction Company Achieve its Goals

CHICAGO (October 7, 2005) – Onvia (Nasdaq:ONVI), which provides comprehensive and industry-specific sales intelligence for companies seeking to do business with the government, has received an award in Constructech magazine's 2005 Vision Awards Competition. Onvia is the recipient of an Enabler Award for the company's role in helping one of its customers, MCM Corp., win a Vision Award. These prestigious awards are given annually to honor construction companies that have solved a critical business issue through the use of innovative technology. In addition to honoring builders and contractors, Constructech recognizes the hardware and software suppliers that provide the technology solutions that have enabled the winning companies to achieve their goals.

"We are extremely proud of MCM and are thrilled to have been a part of their success in the government market," said Mike Pickett, CEO of Onvia. "The Vision Awards honor companies that have realized the advantages of applying modern technologies to their everyday businesses. We're honored that Constructech has recognized Onvia's proven ability to help companies compete more effectively for local, state and federal government contracts."

The Vision Awards, which are open to companies in residential construction, commercial and heavy construction, subcontractors in all trades, architectural and engineering firms, corporate owners, facility management companies, government agencies and land developers, feature some of the most ground-breaking uses of technology across the entire industry. Noting the importance of technology providers, Constructech also honors the hardware and software suppliers who play an important role in assisting a Vision Award winner.

MCM Corporation is a general contractor in South Florida, whose projects include commercial, residential, civil and educational construction. Prior to using Onvia, MCM employed four people to search and research potential project opportunities across the region, an extremely costly and time consuming process that yielded inconsistent results. Since subscribing to Onvia three years ago, MCM has saved countless hours every year. MCM also uses Onvia's DemandStar service to organize its subcontractors most appropriately, making it easier to find the right subcontractor for appropriate jobs.

“At MCM, we pride ourselves on the quality of our service and our dedication to the job,” said Jorge Munilla, president of MCM Corp. “Onvia has created an unmatched safety net which allows us to focus our efforts more strongly in the proposal writing process rather than spend time hunting for opportunities. Onvia’s consistent, comprehensive coverage and timely delivery is something we not only look forward to each morning; it has become an integral component of our advanced government procurement methods.”

Onvia’s products include the Onvia Guide, an electronic notification service for companies that are looking for an effective way to identify the right government procurement opportunities for their businesses, and DemandStar, a program that allows procurement specialists at government agencies to keep vendors up-to-date with RFP and bid requests. Onvia recently released *Onvia Business Builder*, a new product that enables businesses of all sizes to compete more effectively in the fast-growing government procurement marketplace. *Onvia Business Builder* provides access to detailed information on over 2 million contracting opportunities from across 55,500 government agencies representing 194,000 buyers nationwide. The product leverages Onvia’s massive proprietary database of historical information gathered from local, state and federal government agencies and education purchasing entities over the last seven years to help businesses evaluate and respond to new bid requests and RFPs, and capture more government business.

About Onvia

Onvia (NSDQ: ONVI) helps business-to-government (B2G) companies achieve a competitive advantage by delivering timely and actionable government procurement opportunities and information. More than 26,000 subscribers and enterprise licensees across the United States rely on Onvia as a comprehensive resource for tailored, industry-specific information needed to make intelligent sales decisions. Onvia offers unparalleled coverage of 55,000 federal, state, and local purchasing entities and across such markets as architecture, engineering, IT/telecom, consulting services, operations and maintenance, office equipment, transportation, and medical equipment. In 2004, Onvia published 641,724 advance notices, bids, quotes, RFPs, and award notifications. Onvia was founded in 1996 and is headquartered in Seattle, Washington.

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This release may contain, in addition to historical information, forward-looking statements within the meaning of the “safe harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements are based on management’s current expectations or beliefs, and involve risks and uncertainties, including statements regarding Onvia’s new product, expected capabilities of the new product, the business-to-government marketplace, the value of sales intelligence to companies doing business with government agencies, subscriber information and key components of the new product. Onvia’s actual results could differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements.

The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements: Onvia’s products fail to provide similar benefits to other construction companies; Onvia’s products fail to meet their expected capabilities; Onvia’s technology fails to keep up with the growing demands of businesses in the government market; competitors develop similar technologies and products; and Onvia has overestimated the value of sales intelligence to companies doing business with government agencies.

For a detailed discussion of these and other cautionary statements, please refer to Onvia’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) including Onvia’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004, Onvia’s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the second quarter of 2005, and Onvia’s Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on April 8, 2005.