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Presentation Abstract

1. Panelist Name: Bruce Lazenby	2. Workshop Title: Road Trip: Practical Lessons from Early Implementers
3. Title of case-study or paper: Building the Foundation for e-Government in Developing Nations	

As a recognized world leader in e-government software, FreeBalance has developed a new and truly innovative approach to building the foundation for transparency and accountability in developing nations. Early implementers have taken advantage of this exciting opportunity to rapidly deploy critical financial management systems and these countries are now well positioned for important e-government implementation.

FreeBalance has recently demonstrated this effective approach in some of the most challenging areas of the world, including Afghanistan, Kosovo, and East Timor. In Afghanistan, FreeBalance was brought in to fulfill a fundamental requirement to institute a financial management system and framework that could demonstrate accountability and transparency to donor nations and to the people of the country. Similar projects in Kosovo and East Timor have resulted in democratic development and economic liberalization by providing the necessary technology to ensure sound fiscal management and strengthen transparency and good governance. In this presentation the speaker will present some of the “real life” case-study examples derived from these unique implementations and show how initial successes were achieved in 60 days or less.

The FreeBalance approach in developing nations is to rapidly deliver the fundamental financial management infrastructure tools upon which modern governments can evolve with internationally approved accounting practices and governance principles. By providing this essential technology, FreeBalance is ensuring transparency and accountability and providing the underpinnings required to support the future of e-government.

For almost 20 years FreeBalance has been building and installing enterprise software solutions exclusively for Governments around the world. FreeBalance is uniquely positioned to help developing nations meet the challenges represented by e-government, transparency, and accountability. FreeBalance software and services continue to evolve to meet the dynamic needs identified by government organizations worldwide, and with sound financial management infrastructure in place, developing nations are able to take advantage of additional FreeBalance e-government offerings to further entrench good governance, economic stability and national prosperity.

FreeBalance looks forward to sharing its many experiences working with early implementers in developing nations to build the foundation for modern financial systems and e-government in developing countries.