

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

NEGOTIATED DATA SOLUTIONS LLC,
a limited liability company.

File No. 051-0094

AGREEMENT CONTAINING CONSENT ORDER

The Federal Trade Commission (“Commission”) having initiated an investigation of certain acts and practices of Negotiated Data Solutions LLC (“Proposed Respondent”), and it now appearing that Proposed Respondent is willing to enter into this Agreement Containing Consent Order (“Consent Agreement”) to cease and desist from certain acts and practices, and providing for other relief:

IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between Proposed Respondent, by its duly authorized officers and attorneys, and counsel for the Commission that:

1. Negotiated Data Solutions LLC is a limited liability company organized, existing and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois with its office and principal place of business located at 1550 N. Lake Shore Drive, Suite 16C, Chicago, Illinois 60610.
2. Proposed Respondent admits all the jurisdictional facts set forth in the draft of Complaint here attached.
3. Proposed Respondent waives:
 - a. any further procedural steps;
 - b. the requirement that the Commission’s Decision and Order, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law;
 - c. all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise challenge or contest the validity of the Decision and Order entered pursuant to this Consent Agreement; and
 - d. any claim under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

4. The Proposed Respondent shall submit an initial report, pursuant to Section 2.33 of the Commission's Rules, 16 C.F.R. § 2.33, within thirty (30) days of the date on which it executes this Consent Agreement, and every sixty (60) days thereafter until the Decision and Order becomes final. Such report shall be signed by the Proposed Respondent and shall set forth in detail the manner in which the Proposed Respondent has to date complied or has prepared to comply, is complying, and will comply with the Decision and Order. Such report will not become part of the public record unless and until the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order are accepted by the Commission for public comment.
5. This Consent Agreement shall not become part of the public record of the proceeding unless and until it is accepted by the Commission. If this Consent Agreement is accepted by the Commission, it, together with the draft of Complaint contemplated thereby, will be placed on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days and information in respect thereto publicly released. The Commission thereafter may either withdraw its acceptance of this Consent Agreement and so notify Proposed Respondent, in which event it will take such action as it may consider appropriate, or issue and serve its Complaint (in such form as the circumstances may require) and issue and serve its Decision and Order, in disposition of the proceeding.
6. This Consent Agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by Proposed Respondent that the law has been violated as alleged in the draft of Complaint here attached, or that the facts as alleged in the draft of Complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true.
7. This Consent Agreement contemplates that, if it is accepted by the Commission, the Commission may (a) issue and serve its Complaint corresponding in form and substance with the draft of Complaint here attached, and (b) make information public with respect thereto. If such acceptance is not subsequently withdrawn by the Commission pursuant to the provisions of Commission Rule 2.34, 16 C.F.R. § 2.34, the Commission may, without further notice to the Proposed Respondent, issue the attached Decision and Order containing an order to cease and desist, and providing for other relief in disposition of the proceeding.
8. When final, the Decision and Order shall have the same force and effect and may be altered, modified or set aside in the same manner and within the same time provided by statute for other orders. The Decision and Order shall become final upon service. Delivery of the Complaint and the Decision and Order to Proposed Respondent by any means provided in Commission Rule 4.4(a), 16 C.F.R. § 4.4(a), shall constitute service. Proposed Respondent waives any right it may have to any other manner of service. Proposed Respondent also waives any right it may otherwise have to service of any documents incorporated by reference into the Decision and Order, and agrees that it is bound to comply with and will comply with the Decision and Order to the same extent as if it had been served with copies of such documents, where Proposed Respondent is already in possession of copies of such documents.

9. The Complaint may be used in construing the terms of the Decision and Order, and no agreement, understanding, representation, or interpretation not contained in the Decision and Order or the Consent Agreement may be used to vary or contradict the terms of the Decision and Order.
10. By signing this Consent Agreement, Respondent represents and warrants that, except for the patents listed in Paragraphs I.L. and I.M. of the Decision and Order, Respondent has not asserted, and will not assert, that the practice of NWay Technology, as “NWay Technology” is defined in Paragraph 1.11. of Appendix C to the Decision and Order, infringes any of the patents both currently held by Respondent and previously held (or sharing a common parent application with, or claiming a priority from, a patent previously held) by National Semiconductor Corporation. The Commission and Proposed Respondent have intended to list in Paragraphs I.L. and I.M. of the Decision and Order all patents both currently held by Respondent and previously held (or sharing a common parent application with, or claiming a priority from, a patent previously held) by National Semiconductor Corporation that Respondent has asserted previously, or may assert in the future, are infringed by the practice of NWay Technology.
11. By signing this Consent Agreement, Respondent represents and warrants that it can accomplish the full relief contemplated by the Consent Agreement and the attached Decision and Order, and that all parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and successors necessary to effectuate the full relief contemplated by this Consent Agreement are bound thereby as if they had signed this Consent Agreement and were made parties to this proceeding and to the Decision and Order.
12. Proposed Respondent has read the draft of the Complaint and the Decision and Order contemplated hereby. Proposed Respondent understands that once the Decision and Order has been issued, it will be required to file one or more compliance reports showing that it has fully complied with the Decision and Order. Proposed Respondent agrees to comply with Paragraphs II, III.A, III.B., III.D., and IV of the draft Decision and Order from the date it signs this Consent Agreement. Proposed Respondent further understands that it may be liable for civil penalties in the amount provided by law for each violation of the Decision and Order after it becomes final.

Signed this ninth day of November, 2007.

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