



## BPO: Big Political Opportunity

IT execs like Emcor's Peter Baker have the comprehensive view, process know-how and experience to take the lead in business-process outsourcing. Here's how to do it—and why you should. [Page 33](#) ↓



## Think Tank

RFID is everywhere. Get ready for a world where RFID chips can be used to track food, ingredients, fruit, shopping carts, soldiers, construction tools and gambling chips. [Page 36](#) ↓

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# LOST, STOLEN OR STRAYED



The missing link in data security may have four wheels and a gas tank.  
By Gary H. Anthes

**M**OVING MAGNETIC TAPES in and out of storage would seem to be the most mundane of IT functions. Indeed, companies have traditionally seen the transportation and storage of backup media as so routine that they have relegated it to non-IT personnel, such as couriers or outsourced the job entirely. But that's changing now, following a rash of high-profile horror stories involving lost data that have been compounded by legislatures and courts that no longer buy the "the dog ate my tapes" excuses.