



Welfare Client Data Systems Consortium Recognized by CIO Magazine as One of the 2008 CIO 100 Award Honorees

Press Release – Folsom, Calif., June 2 -- CIO magazine announced that the Welfare Client Data Systems (WCDS) Consortium will be recognized as one of the magazine's 2008 CIO 100 award honorees. The award program, now in its 21st year, recognizes organizations worldwide that exemplify the highest level of operational and strategic excellence in information technology (IT).

About Welfare Client Data Systems (WCDS) Consortium

The Welfare Client Data Systems (WCDS) is a consortium of eighteen (18) California Counties and is being recognized for the joint development and implementation of a modern, technological solution that efficiently administers public assistance programs for their respective communities. This solution, an application called the CalWorks Information Network (CalWIN), is an integrated on-line, real-time automated system with 26 subsystems to support eligibility and benefits determination, client correspondence, management reports, interfaces and case management for public assistance programs including:

- California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKS)
- Food stamps
- Medi-Cal
- Foster care
- Adoption assistance
- County general assistance
- Child care
- Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI)

CalWIN serves a large percentage of California's caseload across the 18 WCDS consortium counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Orange, Placer, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, Tulare, Ventura and Yolo.

The solution, jointly designed by consortium counties and EDS, serves a large user base of approximately 30,000 county employees in more than 850 sites. The WCDS consortium systems process an average of 11 million transactions per day, with an average response time of 1 second. Additional information can be found on the consortium website at www.calwin.org.

"The CIO 100 honors organizations that have used technology in innovative ways to generate value to the business," said Abbie Lundberg, Editor in Chief of CIO magazine. "Unlike other top lists, it's not just about who's biggest -- it's about who's doing the most interesting and relevant things."

"We are truly honored to be one of CIO's magazine's top 100. This award honors the tremendous efforts of our consortium counties, WCDS staff, and our vendor partners EDS and FDGS, who have worked diligently in developing a product that best assists our Counties in serving their community's needs" said Bob Hendricks, WCDS Executive Director.

The 2008 CIO 100 awards will be presented at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on August 26, at the conclusion of the tenth annual CIO 100 Symposium(R) and Awards Ceremony.

About the CIO 100 Award

The recipients of this year's CIO 100 award were selected through a three-step process. First, companies filled out an online application form detailing their innovative practices in both business and IT. Next, a team of judges reviewed the applications in depth, looking for unique practices and substantial results. Finally, CIO editors reviewed the judges' recommendations and voted on the final 100. Once the top 100 honorees were selected, several honorees were chosen to receive an additional special award.

Complete coverage of the 2008 CIO 100 awards will be in the August 15 issue of CIO magazine and available online at <http://www.cio.com>.

About CIO Magazine

CIO produces award-winning content and community resources for information technology executives thriving and prospering in this fast-paced era of business, as well as creates opportunities for information technology and consumer marketers to reach them. The CIO portfolio includes CIO.com, CIO magazine (launched in 1987), CIO Executive Programs and the CIO Executive Council. CIO properties provide business technology leaders with analysis and insight on information technology trends and a keen understanding of IT's role in achieving business goals. The U.S. edition of the magazine and website are recipients of more than 200 awards to date, including three Grand Neals from the Jesse H. Neal National Business Journalism Awards and two Magazine of the Year awards from the National Society of Business Publication Editors. CIO websites and magazines appear in more than 25 countries, including Australia, Canada, China, France and Germany. CIO, and sister brand CSO, are produced by CXO Media a subsidiary of International Data Group (IDG), the world's leading technology media, research and event company.

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