

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Five More California School Districts Go for the Intuitive Simplicity of OPRA**

**Marina del Rey:** Point, click – done! Five additional Southern California School Districts have chosen to utilize the Internet to solve their logistic and support services problems. Centinela Valley, San Gabriel Unified School District, Etiwanda School District, La Puente ROP and Victor Unified Districts have all opted to utilize one of the simplest yet comprehensive Internet based systems on the market.

OPRA not only eliminates the archaic NCR form systems used to order supplies from the district warehouses and services from the maintenance departments, but enables the enterprise to deploy, track and control resources at a level never before available.

To say that OPRA is a substantial improvement over the old system may be an understatement. For the first time district sites know how they are performing within their allocated budgets in real time without having to wait for often delayed monthly reports from their old systems. "We went with OPRA because it's so intuitive and the system was up and running district wide within a day. There's really no need for huge training manuals", said LA Puente ROP business services director Bruce Baron.

The OPRA system is estimated to save each district a staggering 5,239 man-hours in turnaround/processing time and over \$21,400 per one thousand orders. Added to these benefits are more complete resource tracking, real time inventory and timely reports that could result in reimbursements from the State and Federal Funds.

OPRA utilizes the Internet infrastructure that is already in place at almost all districts in the United States. "If an end user has ever used a browser they can master OPRA in about 5 minutes, this eliminates costly training and installation charges inherent in non Internet applications. Niche applications that are easy to use, easy to deploy and tailored to solve particular problems represent the second wave of the Internet revolution taking place throughout the connected world", said OPRA spokesman Warren Wagner.

PPS Systems, the developers of OPRA is currently installing the system in several School District's. The company also has a wireless system ready and has versions targeted towards Public Works departments and Municipal and County government operations. Interested parties may contact PPS at 800-545-4888.

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