Order Processing and Requisition Accelerator

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ONLINE WITH OPRA!   A NATIONAL FIRST WITH INTERNET BASED BACK OFFICE RESOURCE AND DISPATCH SOLUTIONS

MANHATTAN BEACH, CA. : Faced with increasing growth, budgetary and management responsibilities, burdened with antiquated business processes and infrastructure in a high speed world, this community's school district seized the opportunity for a bold, high tech-solution at the heart of it's fiscal operation… The Back Office.

Manhattan Beach United School District Officials and California Computer Education Advisory Panel member, Warren Wagner of PPS recognized the bottlenecks in certain back office processes and envisioned the use of the Internet as the most cost efficient solution. PPS developed and tested **Phase I** of "OPRA" (ORDER PROCESSING and REQUISITION ACCELERATOR) transnational software system to address their district facility's maintenance and operations has been online since mid-December of 1997. The **Phase II** module (Warehouse requisition and inventory) is now also online.

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Using ANY off-the-shelf computer with internet access, OPRA's internet based software system collects, integrates, and harmonizes work order and warehouse order data input streams. The system, prompts appropriate actions, directs data fields toward resources and requisition, monitors account charges, automatically tracks their status, updates planned agendas, generates particular departmental data archives, and automatically alerts for State and Federal reimbursement opportunities.

At present, the Phase I portion of the OPRA system is estimated to save a staggering 5,239 man hours in turnaround time, and, $21,400 per 1,000 orders. Added to these benefits are the timely reimbursements from the State and Federal Funds which may total several hundred thousand dollars per year.

The Successful OPRA Internet Based System trial at the MBUSD has created intense interest in both the public and private sectors. Now in Beta test, PPS will deliver a fully operational **Phase III** (Purchase Orders) module by June 1999.

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