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OPRA Modules Go Linux or Microsoft – "Keep your Eye on the ball"

Marina del Rey, CA – Package Products & Services, Inc, a leading supplier of various Web based software applications marketed under the name OPRA (Order Processing & Requisition Accelerator) announced that the latest release (v3.7.2) of their popular CMMS (Computerized Maintenance Management Software) is 100% LINUX compliant. Concurrent to this announcement the company announced that database options now include "MySQL" as well as the traditional MS SQL and Access platforms.

OPRA remains fully compatible with all versions of Microsoft Access and a variety of Microsoft servers including NT, 2000 and 2003, the introduction of MYSQL and LINUX into the mix provides system administrators a variety of options when selecting the optimal platform. The new version of OPRA is fully transportable to and from Microsoft and Linux server environments and can utilize a MYSQL database running on a networked LINUX server, a SQL or Access database running on a MS database server, a full LINUX-MYSQL environment or in any other combination.

Both LINUX and MySQL are open source programs which, unlike Microsoft, are basically free depending on the support supplier and version chosen. "While all along the OPRA package was LINUX compliant, the addition of "MySQL" capabilities allow our clients who are more LINUX oriented than Microsoft, on the server side, to not have to maintain a Microsoft platform whatsoever ", says Warren Wagner, president of PPS.

The release of OPRA version the 100% LINUX version of OPRA software modules is not only market driven, but performance driven. "Comparing MySQL version 4.1 to a Microsoft "Access" database may not be apples to apples, but considering the license costs of running Microsoft's SQL or Microsoft Access on a Microsoft server the LINUX/MySQl option is a hands down winner when it comes to bang for the buck, speed and stability". The company sites benchmarks on certain database queries show up to a 500% performance increase on MySQL 4.1 versus MS Access, while comparisons to MS SQL are about the same. However, Wagner warns that jumping into LINUX can be a frustrating experience if your IT department is not LINUX savvy. LINUX is mostly command line driven and the myriad of LINUX tools and GUI's (Graphical User Interfaces) can cost more time than it's worth. "If you're a Microsoft shop, stay with it, if you have LINUX expertise, go there, if your just curious about Linux, keep your eye on the ball because anything could change tomorrow. In any case, OPRA is ready when you are".

To help mitigate the LINUX learning curve, PPS will be offering a turn key LINUX server solution with everything needed to get OPRA modules up and running. LINUX, MySQL, OPRA and the necessary server tools tuned to manage your enterprise will be in a box delivered to your door. "If you want all of this running on your site, we'll

configure a LINUX server so that you can plug it in and go, however we recommend that you use our own hosted server during the implementation phase" notes Wagner.

About seventy percent of OPRA clients prefer not to burden their IT department with additional responsibilities and run OPRA modules on PPS's own redundant secure servers worldwide. OPRA hosted clients will experience performance benefits when OPRA's servers complete the migration to a full LINUX - MYSQL environment within the next month.

PPS Systems, Inc. is a privately held company with headquarters in Marina del Rey, California. PPS was the first in the world to provide a 100% Web-based "Work Order System" or CMMS system in 1996. PPS now provides and hosts its complete line of OPRA Web-based software modules to governments, school districts and corporate clients supporting thousands of transactions on a daily basis.

The service that is described above relates to a natural expansion of the utilization of the company's expertise and services available. Interested parties may contact PPS at 800-545-4888 or email at sales@opras.net.

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