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Flexible OPRA System gets a GO in Corona-Norco (large) and Culver City (small) School Districts

Marina del Rey, CA – This week both a large, sprawling school district with 45 sites and 45,000 students and a smaller city district with nine sites gave the green light to OPRA CMMS modules. Culver City Unified School District may to some be a small operation servicing 6,500 students however, located across the street from the headquarters of Sony Pictures and a host of other production studios, this district recognized the power and value of OPRA's flexible Internet based CMMS software. On the other border of the Los Angeles county line, the huge Corona-Norco School District signed up for OPRA this week for the same reasons – scalability, flexibility, simplicity and elegant power.

Both districts will utilize OPRA for more than one service center. With a few mouse clicks, district managers can set up multiple service centers to which work request can be routed. Each service center can define it's own business rules, approval processes, job types and work staff independent of the other service centers and at no additional costs. "It's like having several independent CMMS programs in one package," explains Peter Williamson of PPS, Inc. developers of OPRA.

The company explained that the OPRA Warehouse Requisition system was deployed in and in use at Culver City since 1999 with great success. At that time the District had just previously purchased a CMMS system, which is no longer meeting there needs and will now be replaced with the powerful OPRA Work Management system. Both districts will also utilize OPRA's powerful Enterprise Calendar system.

OPRA modules are deployed over the Internet or Intranet and require no software installation. A browser and a connection to the "Net" is all that is needed to access OPRA which can be set up remotely from PPS's offices in about an hour. PPS Systems, Inc. will provide server connections from Corona-Norco to OPRA via the company's dedicated servers while Culver City will utilize there own on-site server. "We really don't care where the software resides," said Warren Wagner of PPS, "Some clients want all of the data to reside on their site; however they can also easily download and backup data to there desktop workstations at any time regardless of where the server is. It's more a question of an organization's bandwidth to the outside world verses their own internal LAN. In either case there is no difference in costs."

It's no secret that Internet delivered applications such as CMMS and other transactional oriented systems are a perfect fit for the Internet. PPS recognized this early on in 1996 and while the dot comer's were selling dog food on the net, PPS's staff were the first to offer 100% Internet based CMMS and other transactional modules. The name of its' product line "OPRA" (Order Processing and Requisition Accelerator) speaks to says it all.

PPS Systems, Inc. is a privately held company with headquarters in Marina del Rey, California. PPS was the first in the nation to provide a 100% Web-based “Work Order 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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