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OPRA Servers relocate to Internet "Shepherds" Workplace

Marina del Rey, CA - Package Products & Services, Inc., (PPS) developers of the OPRA suite of CMMS (Computerized Maintenance Management System) modules announced the penning of an agreement to re-locate their Southern California servers to the University of Southern California's ISI (Information Sciences Institute) facilities in Marina del Rey, California. Concurrently with the re-location the company signed a communications agreement with LOS Nettos a blue chip regional bandwidth provider. According to company spokesmen the move will increase the company's expansion opportunities while supplying a higher level of connectivity that only top tier government agencies and corporations enjoy. Among the users of the Los Nettos group are such names as JPL, CALTECH, University of Southern California and the Claremont Colleges and many more.

"We are pleased with our association with ISI and Los Nettos and happy to participate with the consortium of major universities, research organizations and corporations that currently peer with ISI's Los Netos network", said Warren Wagner of the OPRA group. Thru the ISI/Los Nettos arrangement OPRA will have access to hundreds of peering networks, Internet 2, multiple redundant communications fiber links and increased physical space for additional servers and switching equipment.

The University of Southern California's Information Sciences Institute (ISI) is a major contributor to the nation's information technology knowledge base, and is actively engaged in a broad spectrum of information processing research, as well as the development of advanced computer and communication technologies. ISI is also the home base of the late Jon Postel who is world renowned as being one of the fathers of the modern day Internet. Jon's influence is felt throughout the Internet, in its protocols, in their documentation, in the DNS names we use and the 'dot' we use to separate them, and, in no small way, in the 'good engineering' that helped the Internet thrive from its inception in 1969 to today. Jon was essentially a shepherd of the Internet. He watched over it, and helped husband its resources by suggesting simplicity, conservatism, and completeness in its protocols.

Los Nettos is a consortium of the key computer science research centers in the Los Angeles area. Los Nettos consists of 5 major organizations interconnected with dark fiber and high-speed lines. Hub sites have redundant connections. The members are ISI, USC, Caltech, JPL, and the Claremont Colleges. The hub sites are ISI (Marina del Rey), USC (Los Angeles), Caltech (Pasadena), JPL (Pasadena), and Centergate Research (Sherman Oaks). Los Nettos is connected to the Internet via multiple high-speed connections to multiple service providers and is also connected to Internet2 at two separate locations. Los Nettos is also connected to the CIIX/LAIIX and Pacific Wave exchanges.

PPS 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 (Computerized Maintenance Management System) system in 1996. PPS now, provides its complete suite of OPRA Web-based software modules to municipal governments, school districts, colleges 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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