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**EDUSTRUCTURES ANNOUNCES SIFWORKS® ZONE INTEGRATION SERVER (ZIS)
ENTERPRISE EDITION 3.0**

*Next-Generation ZIS From Market-Leading SIF-Solutions Provider Enhances Usability, Flexibility, and
Visibility into the SIF Enterprise*

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah—November 6, 2008—Edustructures, the leading provider of Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF®) solutions, today released the SIFWorks® Zone Integration Server (ZIS) Enterprise Edition 3.0, a major new version of the industry's premier ZIS. The SIFWorks ZIS Enterprise Edition has been certified to the SIF 2.0r1 specification by the Schools Interoperability Framework Association (SIFA), the industry standards body behind the SIF specification.

Taking ZIS technology beyond the basic technical requirements defined by the SIF 2 specification, the SIFWorks ZIS Enterprise Edition offers enterprise-grade ZIS functionality by delivering the benefits of SIF standardization with the flexibility of custom data manipulation, zone organization, user and group account management and more. Further, the cross-platform nature of the SIFWorks ZIS Enterprise Edition enables greater choice, meaning users can choose the software and operating systems that best meets their unique need for data integration. The SIFWorks ZIS Enterprise Edition offers the following key features:

- **Data Customization with Workflows and Rule Sets.** The Zone Message Workflows feature in SIFWorks ZIS Enterprise Edition enhances SIF usability by allowing users to define unique rule sets that automate SIF routing tasks and/or content. Rule sets can be combined to achieve complex workflow behaviors, further improving users' ability to efficiently and securely manage their SIF enterprise.
- **Directory-based User and Group Management.** The SIFWorks ZIS Enterprise Edition now fully integrates with directories such as Microsoft Active Directory, Novell eDirectory, Apple OpenDirectory, and other systems that support LDAP. Administrative users and



groups can be designated in the directory and associated security restrictions assigned in the ZIS console.

- **Secure Management of Sensitive Data.** The SIFWorks ZIS Enterprise Edition is designed to enforce strong security requirements and supports all security features of the SIF 2 specification, including requiring both encryption and x.509 certificate authentication before sending or receiving data. Access control lists (ACLs) can be applied to agents across zones, specifying the data objects with which they are allowed to interact within the zone. Rule sets can be imported or created that remove sensitive data elements from SIF objects before being sent to agents that do not need to have access to those elements.
- **Advanced Templates.** Robust Zone Templates and Agent Templates add unmatched flexibility to zone administration and agent maintenance, features essential for mid- to large-sized districts where potentially hundreds of zones may exist. Templates streamline zone and agent maintenance and assure consistent deployment of desired agent settings and zone functionality.

“Concurrent to the increasing need for educators to do more with less, IT managers in education are looking for new and innovative ways to manage the enterprise,” said Steve Curtis, president of Edustructures. “While our solutions have consistently addressed the cost and time savings demand—via SIF’s industry-standard data and systems integration—the SIFWorks ZIS Enterprise Edition represents an evolution in ZIS technology that allows unmatched flexibility and customization of the SIF environment. We’re pleased to lead the market with this groundbreaking solution.”

About Edustructures

Edustructures, a Pearson company (NYSE: PSO), is the recognized leader in SIF integration solutions, providing secure interoperability between disparate software applications for improved educational business processes, data accuracy and reliability, staff efficiency and cost reduction. Through its SIFWorks® integration platform, comprehensive professional services, and business relationships with technology providers and educators, Edustructures connects the systems that power education. For more information about Edustructures, please visit www.edustructures.com.

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