

Press Release

Edustructures Technology Chosen to Power the First Statewide SIF Implementation

State of Idaho chooses Edustructures SIFWorks® Enterprise ZIS as Centerpiece of Secure, Seamless Interaction, and Standards-based Data Sharing Between Software Applications

Salt Lake City, Utah — June 16, 2004 — Edustructures LLC today announced that the Idaho Student Information Management System (ISIMS) project will be using Edustructures technology for its groundbreaking, SIF-based statewide integration solution.

ISIMS is a joint effort led by the Idaho Department of Education and the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation to provide a common core of educational software to users across all schools and districts, statewide. ISIMS consists of 4 core applications, integrated via SIFWorks, which will be offered to administrators, educators including teachers, students and parents through a portal product.

“With ISIMS, the customer wanted to push the envelope of what has been accomplished with SIF by schools and districts. They needed a solution that would scale to a state level integration project,” notes Steve Curtis, Chief Operating Officer of Edustructures. “We accepted the challenge to help Idaho and its technology partners pioneer a statewide SIF infrastructure. We knew our SIFWorks® Enterprise ZIS could handle the data flow and management needs of a statewide implementation. Developing several of the other vendors’ SIF Agents with our Agent Development Kit, the ADK®, meant that we could deliver a complete solution quickly enough to meet the aggressive schedule set by the project team.”

The initial implementation includes 30 districts, 117 schools and over 30,000 students. Upcoming implementation phases of the ISIMS project will include all 114 districts, 780 schools and 246,000 students in Idaho. Overall, the hardware, communications and software integration needs make ISIMS one of the most ambitious SIF implementations to date.

About the Schools Interoperability Framework

The Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF) is a nonprofit organization driven by K-12 education technology providers and users to revolutionize the management and accessibility of data within schools, school districts, and states. SIF will enable diverse applications to interact and share data efficiently, reliably, and securely, regardless of the platform hosting the

applications. SIF has united over 120 education technology providers, school districts, state departments of education, and the U.S. Department of Education in an unprecedented effort to give teachers more time to do what they do best: teach. For further information, visit <http://www.sifinfo.org>

About Edustructures

The education industry's first independent SIF application integrator, Edustructures develops comprehensive application integration solutions built upon the Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF) standard for K-12 school districts and state Departments of Education. Edustructures is the first company dedicated to delivering a truly independent enterprise application integration platform built on the SIF standard. Through its SIFWorks® technology platform, comprehensive professional services, and business relationships with technology providers and educators, Edustructures connects the systems that power education. Contact Steve Curtis, Chief Operations Officer of Edustructures at scurtis@edusttructures.com or by phone at 1-877-790-1261 ext. 913, or visit www.edusttructures.com

About ISIMS

The ISIMS Project creates a statewide, student-information management system designed to provide new resources for parents, teachers, students, and all stakeholders of education in Idaho. The project will build a centralized, uniform system that includes a host of web-based resources and tools for education stakeholders: Teachers will take advantage of web-available curriculum and lesson plans, class assessment and progress reports, standards-based report cards, and tools for communicating with parents on homework, attendance, and progress toward student goals. Parents and students benefit from convenient access to progress reports, homework assignments, attendance records, and progress toward graduation requirements. Schools and school districts benefit from aggregated student data on state and local tests, state and national comparison data, school, district and program performance data. The public and policymakers will be able to review aggregated student achievement information, state and national comparison data, and district and state report cards. The goal of ISIMS is to help Idaho by providing a consistent, statewide system for improving learning and reporting.

The ISIMS project is a partnership of the Idaho Governor and Legislature, Idaho State Board of Education, Idaho State Department of Education, J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation and all school districts in Idaho.

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