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**News Release**

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## **BCD's ClearPath Modernization Suite lets System i users build their own customized integrated solution**

*Modernization means different things to different people. BCD's ClearPath Modernization Suite finally solves that issue by letting users build their own customized integrated solution.*

CHICAGO, March 29, 2008 – **Business Computer Design Int'l, Inc.**

([www.bcdsoftware.com/clearpath](http://www.bcdsoftware.com/clearpath)) introduced a simplified and more affordable way for IBM System i shops to meet their modernization objectives by selecting specific components from a suite of award winning integrated modernization solutions to meet their needs.

Modernization means different things to different people; to some it means instantly converting legacy applications to web applications, to others it means repurposing legacy applications by adding new functionality, SOA and Web Services without changing any programs. To some it means creating brand new System i or multi-platform web applications using ILE RPG or open source PHP. Other see modernization as building and implementing a web portal for secure access to enterprise applications and documents for employees, clients and trading partners, and for others it means creating real-time web reports, drill-down queries and Executive Dashboards, some see it as automating report distribution with web archiving and indexing. Yet many see it as a combination of these needs.

Modernization does mean many things, and now System i shops can simplify their entire modernization process by selecting integrated components from one integrated vendor suite. Users select one component, a couple of integrated components or BCD's complete ClearPath Modernization suite. They are in control as they select the components they need now and have the option of adding others if and when their business needs change.

"BCD has been planning this integrated modernization suite for quite some time now and with the addition of WebSmart Presto for instant web enabling, we now cover all the modernization components clients need making ClearPath truly unique. Nexus Portal is the centerpiece for all of BCD's ClearPath modernization components. And we offer Nexus license free with paid annual maintenance. This makes it both a very easy decision for our

clients and a great starting point in their modernization process. With no other true System i portals in the market other than IBM's WebSphere portal, Nexus is very well received. In comparison, Nexus is easier to install, has a much smaller foot print and is license free for unlimited users." said Eric Figura, BCD's Director of Sales and Marketing.

"Modernizing with solutions that communicate with each other and dealing with one single vendor who assures seamless support for your customized solution makes this a very smart choice. It's a choice that will save organizations significant time and money because BCD's ClearPath components are engineered to work together and are affordably priced. And unlike some other offerings, users only pay for the components they need!" added Figura.

BCD's ClearPath Modernization Suite is a complete solution that fully modernizes System i applications and business processes. BCD has integrated six, nearly all award-winning solutions, to form their suite. Now users can start with just the solutions they need and add other components as their business needs expand. BCD lets everyone prove each component on their system, on a free trial basis to confirm they are on the right path. And offer excellent savings, the more integrated solutions selected, the greater the savings.

BCD's integrated ClearPath Modernization Suite includes these solutions:

- **WebSmart PHP** and **WebSmart ILE**: Rapid Web Application Development tools for creating System i and multi-platform web applications and web services. Apps can be hosted on your System i, Linux, Unix or Windows and access DB2, MS SQL and MySQL databases.
- **WebSmart Presto**: Instant Web-enabled 5250 green screen applications with no code changes and Zero 5250 OLTP.
- **Nexus Portal**: Secure single point web access to your Enterprise information. Build web portals for clients, employees and partners to access applications, executive dashboards, documents, calendars, web menus, spool file viewer and more. *License Free.*
- **Clover Query**: Real-time System i web queries, reports and graphical drill downs that can be created by end users or programmers.
- **SmartCharts**: Create web accessible Flash Charts & Graphs (*pie, bar, gauges, funnels, KPIs...*) over DB2 and other data for graphical representation of data. *License Free.*
- **Catapult**: Automated report and document distribution with web archiving and indexing. Create PDF's, Excel, add Form Overlays, Split reports, Email, Fax & Print and more.

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Michael G. Galligan, KMR Systems' President and CEO and an IBM VIP member (Vertical Industry Program), had this to say about his experience with BCD and BCD's ClearPath Modernization Suite.

"KMR Systems considered many System i modernization approaches before making the strategic decision to go with BCD. Their ClearPath integrated modernization suite offers state of the art products that made our offerings cutting edge. We're now providing modern solutions to satisfy the needs of our Union and Benefits clients across the country. Our new modernized application suite, which preferably runs on the secure and reliable System I, allows us to outperform our competitors on other platforms. We now have an open source product that expands our capabilities through sharing with other open source products. We're extremely happy with the excellent support from BCD, and as an added bonus the cost was reasonable."

**Take BCD's online Modernization Questionnaire visit [www.bcdsoftware.com/profile](http://www.bcdsoftware.com/profile)**

To help users clearly understand which ClearPath components they'll need to achieve their modernization goals, BCD has created an online Modernization Questionnaire. Based on user answers BCD will create and send a customized Modernization Report including the ClearPath components they'll need to achieve their goals, along with costs, possible professional services and promotional incentives.

**Have Questions, want to Schedule a Live Web Demo or attend a Webinar?**

If you have questions regarding BCD's ClearPath Modernization Suite please contact BCD at (630) 986-0800, email [sales@bcdsoftware.com](mailto:sales@bcdsoftware.com). A product specialist will answer your questions, schedule a Live Web Demo or register you for a modernization webinar.

**About BCD**

BCD is one of the most successful software organizations in the IBM System i space. BCD has proudly received 35+ industry awards, including 13 for WebSmart and 10 for Nexus Portal and Catapult for software excellence. They have 30 years of experience in the IBM midrange marketplace and to date over 10,000 organizations have modernized licensing over 30,000 BCD software solutions worldwide.

BCD is a member of IBM's System i ISV Advisory Council and is an IBM Advanced Business Partner. All of BCD's key solutions are included on IBM's System i Developer Roadmap and are IBM Server Proven.

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