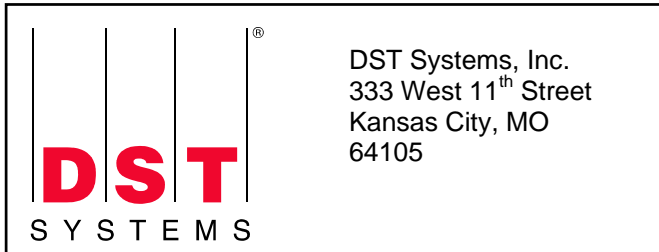


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Automated Work Distributor (AWD) Validated as “Ready for WebSphere”

DST Technologies Secures IBM Validation for its Business Process Management Solution

KANSAS CITY, MO. (May 31, 2005) – IBM has validated the Automated Work Distributor™ (AWD®) as “Ready for WebSphere.” The designation indicates that AWD can be integrated with IBM’s WebSphere application server technology.

AWD is a leading business process management (BPM) solution from DST Technologies, a wholly owned subsidiary of DST Systems, Inc. (NYSE: DST). IBM WebSphere is the market-leading Internet infrastructure software, or middleware, for building, running and integrating business applications across a variety of computing platforms. Integration of these technologies will leverage the respective market leadership positions of IBM and DST in delivering best-in-class solutions to key industries.

With the certification, AWD can function as a component of the WebSphere middleware stack, thereby providing WebSphere customers easy access to AWD BPM components. In addition, AWD customers will be able to take advantage of the strengths of the WebSphere infrastructure and better interoperate with other applications in a J2EE environment.

To achieve “Ready for WebSphere” certification, DST worked with IBM developers to test the two companies’ solutions at the IBM competency centers, and verified completion of the “Ready for WebSphere” criteria. This pre-validation by IBM is intended to minimize risk and accelerate time to value for the companies’ joint customers.

“Many companies in our target markets have chosen WebSphere as their standard application server environment,” said Rick Welch, AWD Product Manager for DST. “Integrating AWD with the IBM WebSphere infrastructure will enable these customers to recognize the business benefits of AWD within the context of their existing technology frameworks.”

About DST Systems, Inc.

DST Systems, Inc. provides sophisticated information processing and computer software services and products that help clients improve productivity, increase efficiencies, and provide higher levels of customer service. DST Systems is organized domestically and internationally into three operating segments: Financial Services, Customer Management and Output Solutions. DST Systems operates one of the most advanced data centers in the world, which provides information-processing services to support the products within each operating segment. These products are further enhanced through the integration of DST Systems’ advanced technology and e-commerce solutions. For more information on DST Systems, Inc, visit www.dstsystems.com.

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DST Technologies, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of DST Systems, Inc. Through sophisticated information processing and computer software services and products, DST Technologies helps clients improve productivity, increase efficiencies and provide higher levels of customer service. For clients in a variety of industries, including mutual funds, brokerage healthcare, insurance, and video/broadband, the Automated Work Distributor (AWD) has helped reduce the cost of operations while increasing the speed and accuracy of business processing and customer service through business process management technology. For more information about AWD, visit www.dstawd.com.