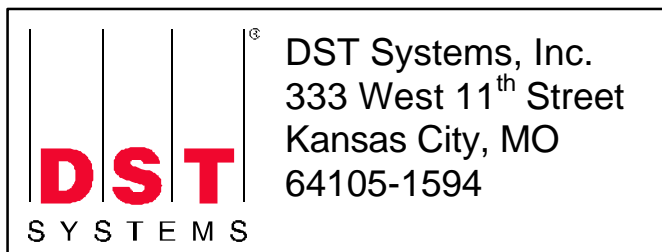


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## **DST Vision™ Secures More 529 Plan, Mutual Fund and Variable Annuity Content**

**Recent additions join the ranks of 260+ management companies available on Vision<sup>®</sup>**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. December 17, 2003 – DST Vision™, the leading account management Web site for financial intermediaries, has expanded its content with the addition of a 529 Plan, three fund families and a variable annuity company.

Customer account information for State Street Corporation's The Education Plan is now available to independent advisors and broker/dealers through Vision ([www.dstvision.com](http://www.dstvision.com)). Variable annuity company ING and GAM's family of mutual funds also were added recently to Vision. In other developments, Ivy Funds and Advantus now are available as a result of new business relationships with Waddell & Reed, a current Vision participant.

The GAM Funds, the Ivy Funds and Advantus are all former AdvisorCentral clients.

By participating in Vision, these companies reduce demands on their own customer service resources while providing comprehensive and consolidated information to financial intermediaries. With customer account information from more than 260 mutual fund and variable annuity companies, Vision is the most complete online resource of its kind available for independent advisors and broker/dealers to manage their business.

With Vision, advisors can view aggregate book-of-business assets; group individual accounts into customized client portfolios and households; and check prices, breakpoint schedules, transaction histories and all account details. Accessing shareholder statements and executing a variety of transactions such as purchases, redemptions and exchanges also are available through Vision.

"Vision continues to meet the needs of advisors and broker/dealers by providing them with a one-stop source for access to an expanding list of participating companies," said Kyle Mallot, DST client services officer in charge of Vision.

Introduced in 1998, **DST Vision™** is designed to provide independent advisors and back-offices an easy-to-use, one-stop information source for customer positions with fund families and variable annuity providers. With a single ID and password, advisors have access to account management tools including transaction processing capabilities, customizable client portfolios, and access to electronic statements. More than 70 percent of third-party-distributed mutual funds, representing more than 93 million accounts, and over half of the leading variable annuity providers participate in Vision<sup>®</sup>, including industry giants AllianceBernstein, A I M Investments, American Funds, MFS Investment Management, Nationwide Financial, OppenheimerFunds, Inc., and Pacific Life. Vision is continually enhanced to simplify account management and serve the evolving needs of financial intermediaries. Visit Vision at [www.dstvision.com](http://www.dstvision.com).

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