

ESI and COBOL-IT Announce Partnership in the US

Enterprise-class Open Source COBOL comes to the U.S.

Philadelphia — January 28, 2010 — Today ESI and COBOL-IT announced that ESI, already a distributor of the COBOL-IT® Compiler Suite, has qualified as a Technical Hub to become the primary support site for U.S. and Canadian companies deploying the best-in-breed Open Source COBOL suite. To qualify, ESI has demonstrated that, in addition to providing enterprise class technical support for the COBOL-IT® Compiler Suite, it can engage with COBOL-IT users to add significant value for customer projects. Through its own resources, COBOL-IT products, and the eco-system of COBOL-IT partners across the globe, ESI can provide a complete solution to significant technical challenges in COBOL applications.

“ESI has consistently provided high quality support to COBOL users for over 35 years, always as a partner to their customers,” says Stephane Croce, CEO at COBOL-IT.

“COBOL continues to be the dominant language for mission critical applications, and now this demanding market is showing great interest in open source solutions as a way of ensuring cost effective and reliable applications.”

“This is an exciting opportunity for the market,” said Sean Murphy, Product Director of COBOL-IT at ESI. “COBOL-IT provides a fully supported 21st century COBOL compiler with highest-quality US based support. The COBOL-IT eco-system will enable ESI to partner with our customers to provide low cost/high quality solutions for application modernization, integration of open source databases, COBOL friendly XML interface, automated documentation, and maintenance cost reduction, among many other capabilities.”

Many customers have already benefited from deploying COBOL-IT® Compiler Suite and it had been tested and certified by ESI for 11 months.

Bob Wolfe, President of Flexus, whose company has been supplying COBOL compiler-independent modernization, GUI, Printing and Web Development tools for over 20 years, stated “COBOL-IT’s introduction of a professionally supported, fully open source COBOL compiler will certainly be accepted by the COBOL marketplace as a welcome alternative to some of the more expensive compilers being sold today.”

ESI Services, LLC (ESIS), formerly EDP Systems, Inc. was originally founded in 1973, as a provider of programming tools, systems software, and support services worldwide. It has been providing COBOL-specific tools and enterprise class support for over 35 years for users on mainframe and open systems platforms.

COBOL-IT is the first company offering an enterprise-class Open Source COBOL Compiler with a wide range of Premium Professional Services. The COBOL-IT® Compiler Suite software is an advanced and specific distribution of the COBOL compiler.

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