

CAS Severn Wins New IT Services Deal to Help School System Cope with Population Explosion and Federal Laws

CAS Severn to provide student information management to Prince George's County Public Schools

Laurel, MD – November 2, 2005 – CAS Severn, Inc., an award-winning IBM Premier Business Partner, announced a contract win today with the Prince George's County Public School (PGCPS) system, Maryland, the 18th largest school district in the U.S. and home to Maryland's top three public schools.

This contract win will enable CAS Severn to help build a new student information management system to harness the overwhelming dataflow, including tracking how students' attendance and grades are trending, as well as streamlining budget planning, school construction, zoning and transportation systems. CAS Severn has been servicing PGCPS' 136,000 students, 10,477 teachers and administrators and 204 schools for the past eight years.

"This is an important and exciting opportunity for us," said CAS Severn Vice President of Sales, Vickie Wysokinski. "Along with our partner, IBM, CAS Severn continues to provide IBM pSeries and xSeries hardware and infrastructure solutions for the nation's public school systems, constantly adding experience and knowledge to our education capabilities. We value the opportunity to work with Prince George's County Public Schools to understand their challenges and devise systems that can streamline, safeguard and improve their IT infrastructure."

In addition to supporting a new student information management system, CAS Severn will provide PGCPS with disaster recovery, storage consolidation and data management services. CAS Severn provided an infrastructure for immediate data recovery and identified alternative locations to recover data in emergencies, enabling PGCPS to be self-sufficient with disaster recovery. CAS Severn is integrating the new disaster recovery plan with PGCPS' current back-up solution.

CAS Severn, along with Maximus software, will introduce SchoolMAX™ to help school officials manage student information, track the learning progress of students and meet the compliance and reporting requirements of the "No Child Left Behind" law.

"This project is CAS Severn's first system implementation that supports Maximus software," said Wysokinski. "Working with this education-specific program is a strategic opportunity for us to build upon our range of experience in meeting the needs of education customers and to broaden our scope of services available to the education industry."

CAS Severn has been providing IT answers for the education sector for several years, working closely with colleges such as Loyola College in Maryland and Community College of Baltimore County. Solutions included Storage Area Network (SAN) infrastructure, which provided enterprise-wide storage backup and recovery system and data warehousing solutions to manage student information, curricula and course enrollments.

About CAS Severn

CAS Severn is an award-winning IBM Premier Business Partner and has been working for more than a quarter century helping companies, government agencies and education sector customers maximize their investments in data management and content management systems, as well as providing infrastructure optimization and operational support. With offices in Maryland, Virginia and Missouri, CAS Severn is run by a seasoned management team with hundreds of years of combined experience as a valued customer partner and integrator and reseller of IBM products and services.