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Helping children to achieve their potential is your job—helping you to be more organized and have more time to do it, is ours.



A Clear Identification and Description of Corporate Computer

Founded in 1989, Corporate Computer, Inc. (CC) is the leading provider of software solutions for charter school authorizers. We develop and support web-based applications using industry-standard platforms from Microsoft and the .NET architectural standard. Our premier application is AOIS (Authorizer Oversight Information System) which was developed in partnership with Central Michigan University's Charter School Office (CMU/CSO) starting in 2000. To date, over \$3.5 million dollars and over 15 man years has been invested in the application and its infrastructure. AOIS is available as both a software package installed at the customer location and as a Software as a Service (SaaS) delivery model. In addition to software development and support, CC provides server hosting of AOIS and electronic document receipting, tagging and filing services from our world-class data center in Michigan.

AOIS is used by more charter school authorizers, charter schools, and Education Management Organizations (EMO) than any other dedicated Charter Authorizer application. Since it went live in 2001, AOIS has been licensed to 12 different charter school organizations supporting 250 schools in 7 states. Our AOIS customers include Thomas B. Fordham Foundation, Ferris State University, White Hat Management, Lucas County (Ohio) Educational Service Center, Ferris State University, Ball State University, Chicago Charter School Foundation, Lake Superior State University, Northern Michigan University, Adams 12 Five Star (Colorado) School District, Brighton (Colorado) School District, and Central Michigan University. For more information, please visit www.aois.us.

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Make this the year that you "get it under control!"

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- How many times have you heard State politicians call for "more charter school oversight"? It's easy
- to continually call for more oversight—it's much harder to prove your actions are consistent, measured and applied equally to all schools. If you want to start your next school year firmly in control of
- a proven oversight program that documents every compliance action, provides an easy-to-use user interface and has been audited by multiple State Auditor Generals and declared a "Gold Standard"
- call us now.

White Hat Management Uses AOIS in Six States

White Hat Management is a leading provider of lifelong learning services. Based in Akron, Ohio, the company operates a range of educational services, including community-based and distance learning K-12 schools. The schools include HOPE Academies for K-8 students; DELA for distance learning students and Life Skills Centers for high school students wanting to earn their high school diploma.

White Hat's extensive education-management background allows the company to provide all the services a charter school might need, such as general operations, human resources, financial reporting, board relations, facilities acquisition, development, management and student-data reporting to state education authorities.

Since its inception in 1998, White Hat has taken a leadership role through its founder, Akron, Ohio industrialist and education activist David Brennan, in positively influencing school choice legislation in Ohio and nationally, as well as in defending existing charter law from formidable union and related party litigation. In the media, White

Hat Management continually supports school choice, defends employee and academic performance records and informs the public of our commitment and means to serve a disenfranchised population across the United States. White Hat Man-



agement currently employs nearly 1,800 people and operates 53 schools in six states, serving more than 37,000 students during the 2006-2007 school years.

White Hat is committed to continuing to improve the experience for its students and to improve the performance of its schools. To this end, they have been using AOIS for the past two years, gradually expanding use in all six states. Corporate Computer has worked with White Hat to make certain modifications to AOIS that enable them to view compliance performance by State or by School. Led by Gayle Basinger, Compliance Director at White Hat Management, their team has refined their compliance processes. Gayle recently commented "Implementing AOIS at WHM has been an exciting project and your staff has been very helpful in making the process successful."

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DST Is Coming!

One of the advantages of selecting and using AOIS is the *sharing between users* of new enhancements identified and added to the base code. In 2007, Central Michigan University developed a set of specifications for an upgrade in the way their schools submit documents to AOIS. The new system was named "Document Submission Tool" (DST). CMU and Corporate Computer signed a development agreement in early 2007 with DST to be operational July 1, 2007.

DST eliminates the need for a document control sheet thereby saving schools preparation time. Since DST uses 100% electronic documents, the overall document search capability is improved for all AOIS users. Soon, DST will be available to all AOIS users at no additional charge.

Compliance

AOIS tracks the compliance status of each school authorized, and reports this instantly in a graphical interface that is easy to use.

Electronic Filing

AOIS is also an electronic filing system, so every document associated with schools is immediately available and can be accessed from any location.

Workflow

AOIS also incorporates a workflow system that informs employees when it is time to perform a specific task, and flows documents from employee to employee electronically, ensuring the work is done consistently among all schools.

Performance

Aois also includes a performance module that tracks and reports student and school achievement.

Why AOIS?

New Datacenter Enhancements

We understand that maintaining AOIS availability as close to 100% as we can is an important consideration for clients who use our services. Recently we have installed additional environmental monitoring equipment that will provide additional information and pro-active processes that will help maintain our “four nines” (99.99%) availability track record during the past four years. The new equipment reports temperatures inside AOIS servers. In addition, we now monitor datacenter temperature, humidity and the power source. Video cameras have been synchronized with door entry monitor to archive each entry into the datacenter. Automatic email and paging alerts are sent to our staff. A series of tiny steps will improve our overall datacenter security.

New Workflow Administrator Manual Available

We have just completed a new 87 page manual for system administrators who wish to use AOIS Workflow. If you are interested in receiving a PDF copy of this manual, please email lbrannan@corpcomp.com to request your copy.

Master Calendar Enhancements Now Available

We thank Lila Malmborg from Lake Superior State University for sponsoring this AOIS enhancement. Now your AOIS administrator has a new option to check one of three choices when entering a document due date: reoccurrence every month, quarter or year. You will also be able to enter the number of times you would like the due date to reoccur. For example, if you select monthly recurrence for 12 months, the due date for that document type will show up monthly for 12 months. This will save you time of having to enter the due date under each month. This capability is now available to all AOIS users at no additional charge.



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