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Expectations

This year Corporate Computer celebrates its' 20th anniversary. During the first ten years, our business was focused on networking personal computers together. In 2000, we entered into a new business model starting a joint development effort with Central Michigan University Office of Charter Schools. In 18 months we developed AOIS, the first compliance software created exclusively for charter schools and charter school sponsors.

During the next year we fine-tuned AOIS and in December 2002 we signed our first new client, Ferris State University. Together we defined and helped their staff to set up AOIS to support how they managed 22 school locations. Today AOIS is used in ten states by 747 users in 325 charter schools. A dozen sponsors each have their own version of AOIS "tuned" especially for how they want to operate their community of schools. The compelling benefit each of the schools and sponsors receive is a documented method that proves to an external auditor that both the school and the sponsor have followed a proven methodology that documents the degree of oversight required by state law and best practices.

We believe our clients have the right to four basic expectations:

1. **Accuracy** – AOIS must present accurate data.
2. **Availability** – AOIS is guaranteed to be available 95% of working hours M-F, twelve months per year. In fact, for the past four years we have exceeded this goal operating at 99.9% availability.
3. **Partnership** – Each time we add a new client we engage in a partnership whereby AOIS is customized for the client.
4. **Advice** – Each client with AOIS installed has given us permission to show how they organized school files or developed affidavits to support unusual situations where there is not a document that substantiates a compliance item. This repository of knowledge is available FREE to the new AOIS user and greatly eases the decisions necessary during AOIS set-up.

Of course by using AOIS you avoid the expense of buying new computer servers, hiring IT staff to operate them and trying to "re-invent the wheel". It's no wonder that we have now doubled the sponsors evaluating how they can use AOIS. This next year should be very interesting!

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New Collaboration Tool

Collaboration is a recursive process where two or more people or organizations work together, usually in an intellectual endeavor that is creative in nature. They share knowledge, learning and build consensus by sharing documents, opinions, and ideas. Giving your teams a single web portal to access can provide significant benefits for your organization; this is why we created Collaborate.



Here are just a few of the features and benefits of Collaborate:

Home Page:

Improves and increases communication by posting announcements for upcoming trainings or events, new surveys, and discussion board topics.

Surveys Page:

Quick survey capability let's you test ideas and gather data from your community in a very easy-to-use model.

Discussion Groups Page:

Forming a community through discussion groups will help users establish more personal relationships through communication resulting in increased collaboration.

Videos Page:

Video posting is an easy and cost-effective way to conduct trainings or market new ideas to others.

Applications Link Page:

Collaborate provides easy access to all of your applications in one location.

Wiki Library Page:

The wiki page provides a low-maintenance way to record knowledge and share your wisdom with others.

Customized Page:

If you need additional pages and features, we can customize and tailor new pages to promote additional communication and collaboration among your users.

For additional information on Collaborate, please contact Meghann Murphy at (616) 988-3215 or email mmurphy@corpcomp.com.

External Funding for AOIS

When it comes to funding AOIS, an oversight organization should consider investigating outside resources for funding. For example, the Walton Family Foundation that was established by Sam and Helen Walton provides grants and program-related investments that address the K-12 education reform. The Foundation strongly believes in helping families have access to quality schools and that children are educated at the highest standards.

Using AOIS as a support tool for oversight activities helps to insure that your organization is holding your charter schools to the highest standards and promoting accountability for quality schools. For additional information on applying for a grant from the Walton Family Foundation to fund AOIS, please visit their website at www.waltonfamilyfoundation.org.



Responsible Area Column within AOIS

One of the many enhancements that have been customized into AOIS at the request of our clients is the Responsible Area column. This column allows the client to send email notifications for the documents that are due to a specific responsible area. This helps to reduce confusion of who is responsible for completing and then submitting a document to AOIS. For example, the school treasurer may be setup as the responsible area for all financial related documents that are required from their oversight office.

We have also had some very creative clients use this column in different ways. We have seen clients use this custom column to distinguish between document types that are critical during site visits and those that are not as critical. The client is then able to run a compliance history report for both the critical and non-critical documents. This creative way of using this customized field has saved the oversight organization much time and effort during their school site visits.

Why AOIS?

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.

Other Interesting Things Happening at CC

2009 National Charter School Conference

Corporate Computer will be attending the 9th Annual National Charter Schools Conference in Washington, D.C. on June 21 - 24. We will be showcasing AOIS and a new communications tool called Collaborate! Please stop by and see us at booth #345 for a live demo! You can also contact Meghann Murphy at (616) 988-3215 or mmurphy@corpcomp.com to schedule a time to meet during the conference. We look forward to seeing you in D.C.!



Monthly Client Testimonial

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LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY

Why did you buy AOIS?

The amount of paperwork storage required for comprehensive oversight was beginning to become a problem. When I saw a demo of AOIS at NACSA and MAPSA, I realized that this may be just what we need. At first, the cost seemed prohibitive, but after careful consideration of the time and material that we would save by using this product, it seemed like a bargain.

What do you like best about using the tool?

I am happy to say that it has saved us the time and material storage that I was hoping. I am very pleased. We really like the advance notification feature for our schools that lets them know when a compliance requirement is coming due. It gives them plenty of time to file the appropriate documents. In addition, we like that our schools may check right away to ensure they have filed something on time and whether it was considered accurate and complete.

We also like the service from the Corporate Computer team. They are very responsive to our needs whenever we need them. They are also responsive to our academies' needs. We believe that the new system that is being developed for next year is just an example of what Corporate Computer does to be responsive to the needs of the users and the continuation of system improvements.

What would you tell someone else about the tool?

We would tell people how much time the AOIS system will save them in their compliance efforts. With the savings in time comes a savings in money. With AOIS, you don't have to store the paper print-outs, keep your binders in sync, etc. AOIS provides a peace of mind for compliance efforts.

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