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H&W releases new report based on z/Journal's 2010 CICS survey results

BOISE, Idaho – June 22, 2010 – Through a special arrangement with *z/Journal*, H&W Computer Systems, Inc. (H&W) today released a newly published report analyzing results of the 2010 *z/Journal* CICS survey, which aimed to understand the challenges and strategies in organizations using CICS. The H&W report presents the survey results and explains their significance in terms of extending mainframe data or applications to other environments, in addition to other issues.

"We typically do not release results that we collect in surveys performed by us, but we felt the data in this CICS survey would help many mainframe sites," said Bob Thomas, publisher of *z/Journal*. "Only compiled response data in aggregated form is being revealed, making us comfortable releasing the survey results to show just how vibrant CICS continues to be in satisfying business requirements. Since H&W is well-known by many CICS users and had approached us about making the information publicly available, we agreed."

Compiled from responses from more than 200 IT professionals with IT architecture responsibility, the *z/Journal* survey results provide respondents' views about the current CICS production landscape, modernization considerations and challenges, and successful approaches to supporting current CICS needs and future requirements. "The *z/Journal* survey identified emerging trends in the CICS market," said Joe Burns, senior product manager at H&W. "The H&W report analysis helps readers understand the broader implications of the survey results and allows us to better serve the market with relevant solutions."

In addition to exploring the significance of the *z/Journal* survey results in terms of extending mainframe data or applications to other environments, the H&W report also provides analysis for other issues. These issues include the difficulties of accessing nonrelational data like VSAM in these other environments and how to make it easier to access data using current technologies and approaches, such as Web services and service-oriented architecture (SOA).

Key findings include:

- Based on the z/Journal survey, organizations continue to maintain significant quantities of business critical data in VSAM files.
- For one out of three organizations, more than half of that data is in VSAM files.
- Concurrent access to the data was important to 74 percent of survey respondents.
- Respondents cited gaining concurrent availability to VSAM files, performance, and application availability as their primary challenges with business-critical CICS applications that use VSAM files.
- The survey revealed that 59 percent of IT organizations view modernizing legacy applications and systems and implementing Web services as ways to deliver concurrent access to business-critical data.

View the H&W report analysis at http://www.hwcs.com/lp/sysb-ii/documentation/cics_survey.pdf?id=news-release

View the z/Journal survey results at http://www.hwcs.com/lp/sysb-ii/white_papers/zjournal_survey_pdf.asp?id=news-release

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