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Automotive Parts-Maker Wabash Technologies to Implement ACOM's Platform-Independent EZContentManager for Document Management, Records Retention, and Retrieval

HUNTINGTON, Indiana, September 29, 2006 – Wabash Technologies, a major manufacturer of OEM and aftermarket parts for automobiles and trucks and a long-time user of back office document systems from ACOM Solutions, Inc., is consolidating its [records retention and document retrieval](#) programs on ACOM's EZContentManager system, it was announced today by IT Manager Mariano Vilches and ACOM Vice President James R. Scott. The solution will cut over to production mode in mid 4th Quarter.

"An in-house committee has been working for about a year to develop a new document retention policy that would accommodate new government regulations as well as the company's own requirements for [archiving](#) and rapid retrieval of corporate documents," Vilches said. "In addition, we have been using a proprietary solution to manage documents such as invoices, accounts payable and accounts receivable, but it was less efficient than we had hoped. When we found EZContentManager, we realized that we could put both activities onto a single platform, and that our search and retrieval operations would be accelerated significantly."

EZContentManager is a web-based solution that accepts any document or file from any source and stores them in one central repository, eliminating silos of information. Documents from applications such as ACOM's EZeDocs/400 [document output](#) management and EZPayManager/400 corporate payment management solutions are indexed and stored automatically as they are generated. Paper documents can also be scanned, indexed and stored as electronic documents, helping to eliminate paper trails.

The fact that Wabash Technologies already uses ACOM's EZeDocs/400 document output management solution and EZPayManager/400 payment management solution was critical to the decision, Vilches added. The company generates electronic documents using the BPCS data and can print them or send them anywhere in the world quickly, using EZeDocs/400 and EZContentManager's fax and email delivery capabilities.

"EZContentManager's user interface is very friendly, and this will influence more people to use it," Vilches said.

"Stored documents can be presented in PDF format, which is very easy to read and which can be transmitted instantly as email attachments if a vendor or customer needs to see a document. EZContentManager has excellent provisions for security, which is very important considering it's used for storing and protecting sensitive corporate information."

Vilches expects significant savings to result from faster and more efficient retrieval; from the use of the electronically filed documents; and from the ability to convert most of the document printing and associated tasks to electronic delivery.

"We will be able to find documents faster, because EZContentManager's multiple search indexing capability allows us to set up individual search parameters," he said. "The previous system tended to search everything associated with a particular number and since we have many systems, the number could be associated with many documents."

Wabash Technologies employs a Model 720 computer running SSA's BPCS software under OS/400 Version 5.2. The consolidation involves moving the System i-resident record retention program from the System i platform to EZContentManager and at the same time, replacing an existing content management system with the ACOM solution. Both the System i server and the EZContentManager server exist as nodes on the company's network.

About Wabash Technologies

Based in Huntington, Indiana, Wabash Technologies employs over 1,000 people and occupies more than 220,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing space, producing and marketing more than 20 million sensors and 5 million fuel injection stators/actuators per year through two domestic facilities and three international locations. Its Custom Designed Products Division serves all major automotive OEM's, along with other Tier I and Tier II systems suppliers. Its Specialty Product Division serves the heavy truck, agricultural, construction and industrial market, focusing on mid to low level volume.

About ACOM Solutions, Inc.

Now in its 23rd year of business, ACOM Solutions, Inc. develops and implements advanced modular software systems for document output, document/content management, secure corporate payments, and B2B EDI/XML e-commerce applications, marketing them domestically and through overseas partners. Corporate headquarters are in Long Beach, California; System i Software Division headquarters are in Duluth, Georgia; and regional offices are located in several major U.S. cities. For more information about ACOM products and services, call 800-603-6768, email info400@acom.com, or visit <http://www.acom.com>

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