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UC Santa Barbara Upgrades Check Printing from ACOM's EZCheck to EZPayManager for Payroll and Accounts Payable; Cites Flexibility, Security and Cost

SANTA BARBARA, California, August 12, 2008 – The University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB), a long-time user of the EZCheck [laser check printing system](#) from ACOM Solutions, Inc. for both payroll and accounts payable, has replaced the system with ACOM's EZPayManager solution, achieving greater security and flexibility, faster check printing and significant savings on labor and [post processing](#) costs, it was announced today by Lou Browdy, accounting office manager of computing support and Sam Mikhail, ACOM vice president.

The university currently has approximately 1,000 full-time faculty members and a student body of 20,000. Payroll for the UCSB campus is processed at the University of California-Office of the President's (UCOP) data center in Oakland. The check print file from each computer arrives at UCSB's Accounting Office via FTP from UCOP. There are three check runs totaling about 2,000 checks per month, with the balance of employee payments paid by direct deposit.

[Accounts payable](#) files are generated locally, processed in a mainframe-resident Adabas database located on-campus in Santa Barbara. The accounts payable requirement entails a range of 150 to 600 checks in daily check runs, covering operating expenses in addition to quarterly student payment runs averaging 4,000 checks.

Previously, the flat file-formatted check data went through several manual stages before being entered into ACOM's software for formatting and printing, Browdy said, but the adoption of EZPayManager has eliminated most manual activity. UCSB now uses an SQL database as an interim repository, accepting files from the local mainframe as well as the FTP downloads

from the UCOP site. Feeding the check files into the ACOM software from the SQL database results in faster overall processing and eliminates the need for manual file conversion.

EZPayManager also enabled the campus to convert to self-sealing check stock, representing major savings in time and labor otherwise required for post-processing and mailing.

"The EZCheck input file is identical to the file requirements for EZPayManager so in implementing the new solution ACOM's technical support staff created an automated conversion process and now, there is no manual activity involved," Browdy said. "Both payroll and accounts payable files move from their original sources to the on-campus SQL file server and then on to EZPayManager. All we have to do is drop the check file into the folder and it's ready to print."

About ACOM Solutions, Inc.

Now in its 25th year of business, ACOM Solutions, Inc. develops modular software systems for document output, document 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.

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