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The Labourers Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada (LPF) Builds Corporate Portal with Oracle® Application Server 10g 37,000 members and pensioners to benefit from improved functionality & design of updated portal

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Mississauga 23-AUG-2005 07:54 AM - **The Labourers' Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada (LPF) has launched its corporate portal which is designed by Procace Consulting and built on Oracle® Application Server 10g, a component of Oracle Fusion Middleware.** The implementation represents a major upgrade to LPF's information technology system, and a significant benchmark in the redesign of its overall corporate communications strategy.

Prior to implementing Oracle Application Server 10g, LPF utilized Oracle9i Database and Oracle9i Application Server to develop and run a highly secure and scalable automated Pension Administration System to record, manage and analyse data online. The solution allows pension plan administrators to easily adapt and comply with any changes in pension plan regulations while helping to ensure that the vast amount of personal data stored in the system is secure. The pension application system has helped eliminate paper-based transactions by enabling members to track their own records and pension data on the Web, in real-time.

"To further build upon the success of our current system and extend LPF's reach and relevancy to new and existing members, we have embarked on a new strategy to improve communications with our users and partners," says David D'Agostini, administrator, LPF. "Part of our strategy includes updating the existing portal with new features and functionalities, as well as developing a new, dynamic web site."

Based upon its previous experience, LPF and its development partner, Procace Consulting, which is a Certified Partner in the Oracle PartnerNetwork, chose Oracle's middleware technology as the ideal tool to achieve these goals. Oracle Application Server 10g offers a comprehensive solution for developing, integrating, and deploying enterprise applications, portals, and web sites, all based on a powerful and scalable J2EE server, complete business integration and business intelligence suites, and best-of-breed portal software.

Pension plan members will be able to track their pension contributions and future benefits as well as make changes to their own personal information, thereby reducing LPF administrative efforts. Future functionality will include the ability to calculate benefits for "what if" scenarios. Unions and employers will be able to improve the flow of financial information through the portal access.

Leveraging the same skill sets they needed to implement and support the existing Oracle solution, Procace and LPF worked closely to develop a new public web site with an updated image and colour scheme. This site now includes information about the fund, newsletters, financial information and links to other important pension information sites. The LPF portal also includes a login to allow secure access to sensitive personal pension information. The initial rollout includes access for more than 37,000 plan members and pensioners. Future rollouts will include unions and employers. Direct feedback through the use of surveys is also planned.

About the Labourers' Pension Fund of Central and Eastern Canada

LPF is a Pension administrative organization located in Toronto, serving the construction industry pension needs for Central and Eastern Canada.

About Procace Consulting

Procace is an application development firm with offices in Toronto and San Francisco. Procace is a long time Oracle partner, and specializes in implementing Oracle technology for several business sectors including the pension and benefits industry. www.procaceconsulting.com

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