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**Official Notice from Open Systems dated Feb 15, 2008:**

**OSAS**

For the upcoming tax year, 2008 W-2s, 2008 1099s and 2009 tax table updates Open Systems, Inc. will be providing Year End Compliance updates for OSAS versions 7.03 and 7.5x only.

**TRAVERSE**

For the upcoming tax year, 2008 W-2s, 2008 1099s and 2009 tax table updates Open Systems, Inc. will be providing Year End Compliance updates for TRAVERSE versions 10.2 build 7189, with Year End build 7350 installed and 10.5 (current build) only.

**For both:**

Open Systems, Inc. will be testing on the current build of each version and they strongly recommend that you stay on the current build of your OSAS and TRAVERSE version.



## Turning Data Into Information

As the trend is in both OSAS and Traverse , users are no longer interested in having just a functional software package, they would want a tool to not only run but help **manage** the business. Not just data, but information. We are starting a series of articles that will help you do just that.

**Take for instance the new OSAS 7.5:**

We are often asked if Open Systems is going to focus on Traverse solely and not bother to develop OSAS any more.

Well, take a look at Open Systems Accounting Software **OSAS Version 7.5.**

**There are over 100 new features** in the next generation of OSAS. You can read about some of the new features at the IMS Web Site, [www.ims-stlouis.com](http://www.ims-stlouis.com)

**OSAS 7.5 offers a series of tools help you Manage your Business, not just run accounting software.**

**A few examples:**

Use Active Financial Statement to view Financial Statements on screen and drill down to supporting detail. This is huge! Instead of having to go through GL, AR, AP, SO separately, you can now get the supporting details by drilling down on **blue numbers** and get all the detail you need.

OSAS 7.5 features many useful tools and we will present some of them here and others in upcoming issues.

**Info-Alert** protects your business with up-to-the-minute alerts. Info-Alert is a powerful tool that monitors your business data and provides automated alerts when various business conditions are met.

**Info-Alert** serves as a "virtual employee" that attaches to your OSAS data and reviews it at scheduled intervals, reporting the information to the appropriate people.

**Info-Alert** Comes with over 70 pre-defined alerts, such as in

**Accounts Receivable**

- customers who have open AR invoices over X days
- customers on credit hold based on open invoices

**Inventory**

- IN items below min. order quantity
- IN items below order point

**Payroll**

- alert X days prior to an employee's next review date

**Purchase Order**

- check for open purchase orders older than X days
- vendors who have a balance greater than X

**Sales Order**

- customers who have not purchased in X days
- check for open sales orders older than X days
- .....and many more

You can schedule each alert to run at various intervals. You can select each day you want the alert to run. You also have the option for the alert to run once daily or multiple times daily or at whatever interval and frequency you choose.

**Info-Alert** is available both in **OSAS** and in **Traverse**

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For the Third year Open Systems offers a great opportunity to learn more about OSAS and Traverse. The Conference, in Minneapolis Oct 8-10, is specifically designed for you, to help you run and manage your business better! More info to follow!

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Now this is just one example how OSAS helps you manage your business instead of just running a software package.

- There are other tools, like
- \* Global Inquiry
- \* EIS
- \* General Report Writer
- \* AFA
- \* ODBC/JDBC and
- \* Drill Down from General Ledger as described above.

We will discuss these further in coming issues.

Now, of course Traverse has always been focused on helping you manage your business. Its award-winning TOTAL integration with Excel, Word and other Office products is legendary. But now there are even more ways to help you with your business needs.

They call this BI, Business Intelligence and it is illustrated to the right.

Traverse offers the Dashboards that give you an instant, up-to-minute data information about your business. Digital Dashboard is INCLUDED in your Traverse package—no extra charge. Setup is less than 2 minutes.

You can create your graphs based on sales, purchases, GL numbers, payroll data, and much more with ONE click.

And of course alerts can be created with Info-Alert as described above.

More on these Business Intelligence tools in future issues.

SEND US AN EMAIL OR CALL IF THERE IS A SPECIAL FEATURE YOU WANT TO US TO HIGHLIGHT.

Open Systems announces: Price increase for OSAS.

On March 24, there will be a 10% increase for OSAS; a new application will cost \$1,650 (+ 17 % Maintenance) and Maintenance fees will also increase by 10%. If you planned to add a new application, now is the time! The cost for a new application is still only \$1,500 (+ 17% Maintenance). That's a savings of \$176 per app!

If your Maintenance is about to expire in the next few months, you might want to take advantage of the lower prices and renew now! If you aren't sure when your Renewal is, call Richard at 314 432 0997

Business Intelligence (BI) Transforming Data into Information

