

# Useable News

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*Open Systems announces  
Price increases....*

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*Have a Great  
Thanksgiving!*



## Year-End

This year Open Systems Inc. will be providing Year-end compliance updates for **TRAVERSE** versions 10.5.8175 and 10.2 build 7189, with Year End build 7350 installed and Year-end compliance updates for **OSAS** versions 7.03 and 7.5x. We anticipate the TRAVERSE and OSAS updates being available the week of **12/15/2008**.

*Please review information below concerning Year-end compliance changes in Payroll and Accounts Payable*

### W-2 forms and the Specifications for Filing Forms W-2 Electronically (EFW2)

As of 11/19/2008 there are no changes to the W-2 forms or the Specifications for Filing Forms W-2 Electronically (EFW2).

### Reminder:

Elimination of magnetic media as a filing method: The last year for filing Forms W-2 on tapes and cartridges was tax year 2004 (forms timely filed with the SSA in 2005). The last year for filing Forms W-2 on diskette was tax year 2005 (forms timely filed with the SSA in 2006).

What does the above mean to you? As an employer you no longer file the W-2s by submitting tapes cartridges or diskettes, but use the Social Security Business Services Online (BSO). Many of you are already familiar with the service that is user friendly and convenient.

You can save the W-2 file to your hard drive and upload the file using the Social Security Business Services Online (BSO). The Social Security Business Services Online (BSO) site is:

<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/employer/>

For Additional Information go to:

<http://www.irs.gov/>

### **1099 Misc Forms and electronic**

**format:** As of 11/19/2008 there are no changes to the 1099 Misc Forms

Record changes for Specifications for Filing Forms 1099 Misc Electronically:

- (1) For all Forms, Payment Year, Field Positions 2-5, for the Transmitter "T" Record, Payer "A" Record and Payee "B" Record must be incremented to update the four-digit reporting year (2007 to 2008), unless reporting prior year data.
- (2) In the Transmitter "T" Record, two fields, Cartridge Tape File Indicator, positions 409-410 and Transmitter's Media Number, positions 411-416, were deleted. These positions are now blank.

**We strongly recommend that you stay current with your OSAS and TRAVERSE version and service packs. To be eligible to receive any of the above updates, you must be current on your Software Maintenance Plan.**

The All New TRAVERSE will be released in December. Learn more about it here:  
[http://www.ims-stlouis.com/Traverse/Trav11\\_1.pdf](http://www.ims-stlouis.com/Traverse/Trav11_1.pdf)

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## Software Maintenance

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Are you growinxg your customer base? Planning to expand? Wanting to take advantage of technology? Looking to be more effective with your accounting system?

It may be time to take a look at your software or to consider a new module or early renewal. TRAVERSE price increases go into effect Dec 1.

A phone call is all it takes.

### *Open Systems Announces Certification of TRAVERSE v10.5 for Use with*

## **Microsoft SQL Server 2008**

Open Systems, Inc., has announced that TRAVERSE v10.5 has been certified to run on **Microsoft's SQL Server 2008 database server.**

SQL Server 2008 promises a smart, dynamic platform for business-critical applications and enterprise-class data management, and is available in seven editions, ranging from compact, free versions to comprehensive enterprise solutions. It includes new capabilities such as support for policy-based management, auditing, large-scale data warehousing, geospatial data, and advanced reporting and analysis services. "In keeping with our alignment with Microsoft technologies, we are enthused about our support of SQL Server 2008," said Steve Beckey, Vice President of TRAVERSE Development. "Customers who run TRAVERSE on this platform are able to maximize their technology investment. It also provides a solid foundation for our upcoming release of TRAVERSE, version 11, built on Microsoft's .NET Framework."