

Metron-Athene News Release

METRON'S ATHENE DELIVERS CAPACITY PLANNING FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Balancing applications across systems to improve performance.

March 30th, 2006, Woodland Hills, California, USA: Metron-Athene (www.metron-athene.com), one of the world's foremost capacity planning and performance management specialists, has won a contract with Los Angeles County for the supply of the company's Athene product.

The Athene system is being used by LA County to monitor the usage of their mainframe systems and to provide monthly capacity planning reports. These indicate the utilization of different systems at different periods of time, enabling LA County with the ability to balance applications across systems to improve performance as well as providing information on when hardware upgrades are likely to be required. This in turn helps with accurate budget forecasting.

According to Lance Pedriana, Technology Manager at LA County: "We had initially planned to use SAS to produce regular reports on system usage. However, this proved to be a lengthy process requiring specialist SAS skills, and we were short of resources in this area. We needed an alternative approach to be able to produce ad hoc capacity planning reports, quickly and easily."

LA County assessed the various products on the market, and from a shortlist of three, chose Metron's Athene product, primarily because of the ease with which new reports could be created.

Lance Pedriana: "We are working towards the ability to capture job level details with Athene. This job level information will allow us to calculate utilization projections for each of the many applications. The summarized application projections are a major component of the capacity planning program. The job utilization data is also essential in resolving billing issues and performance problems."

Notes for editors

About Metron-Athene Inc.

Metron Technology was founded in 1986 and is Europe's leading Performance Management and Capacity Planning specialist. Metron-Athene Inc is a wholly owned subsidiary of Metron technology Ltd. At Metron we are committed to continue developing products to provide IT users the maximum benefits at the least cost. We are delivering this by creating automated products that embody an increasing level of intelligence to address the continuing evolution and complexity of hardware environments and software applications.

Metron's Athene performance management software is the most cost-effective product in its class providing fully integrated ITIL[®]-compliant capacity management with automatic performance analysis and reporting for UNIX, Linux, Windows and Mainframe Servers. Athene 8 is the world's most scalable performance management software for real and virtual environments with the Universal Capacity Planning Module interfacing with all third-party systems management products.

In the US Athene is installed for clients such as AIG Inc, Airline Tariff Publishing, CNF Inc, eBay, First Data, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Internal Revenue Service, LA County, Lehman Brothers, Pentagon, Pindar, Safeway, TDS Telecom, Telecheck Services, US Customs. The company works in partnership with leading IT suppliers such as Hewlett Packard, Microsoft Systems, VMware, Computer Associates, IBM, Capgemini, and Oracle. The world's leading outsourcing companies are now using Athene combined with expert ITIL[®] consultancy and training services as a key element of their Service Management and Delivery.

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