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**Lackawanna County Acquires New Software**

**Scranton, PA---**The Lackawanna County Information Technology Department is in the process of implementing a new Financial Accounting System. The software, purchased from New World Systems based in Troy, Michigan, will replace the County's outdated system with Logos.NET.

New World's *Logos* group of Public Administration Software has accommodated the accounting needs of city and county governments since 1981 by providing modules for financial management, human resources, payroll, utility information and community development.

"A major goal of our administration is to bring the County into the new century of information technology," said Lackawanna County Commissioner, A.J. Munchak.

"We are implementing this program to ensure that no matter who follows our administration, the taxpayers will always know what the County is doing. The days of hiding things from the public are over. We made this promise to the taxpayer and we are going to keep it," continued Commissioner Munchak.

The new software will also allow the County to automate the purchasing process, assist in budget preparation, accounts payable, Human Resources, payroll, maximize resources and aid other areas of the County that currently have manual processes.

"New World Systems is providing Lackawanna County with an integrated solution. This new software is based on Microsoft.Net technology and will allow the County to integrate many processes and provide quicker and easier access to the information we use on a daily basis," said Fred Buttner, Lackawanna County Information Technology Department.

The Lackawanna County Emergency 911 Communications Center used New World's public safety software for 13 years and was chosen for this project by David Lloyd, Director of

Information Technology for Lackawanna County.

“While we did research New World’s software, we also looked at several other vendors before making our decision. David Lloyd suggested we look at New World,” said Thomas Durkin, Lackawanna County Chief Financial Officer.

“Not only does New World have the solutions we need within our budget, but the company has the technology of today with its browser-based solution on the Microsoft.Net platform,” added Durkin. “The other vendors were in the process of developing a .Net solution; New World was miles ahead in technology. The possibilities are endless.”

The IT Department has currently gone through a week of “Project Kickoff” meetings during New World’s visit to Lackawanna County on the week of April 25 through April 29 for the beginning of training and implementation.

The principal project will be complete by January 1, 2006. Lackawanna County provides services to over 215,000 citizens and supports a workforce of 1,600. All County departments will eventually benefit from this new software.

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