



Onramp Network Services Inc. as a new CSIO Vendor Member

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Centre for Study of Insurance Operations (CSIO) announces Onramp Network Services Inc. as a new CSIO Vendor Member.

Toronto, Monday December 16, 2002 – CSIO today announced that Onramp Network Services Inc. has become its newest vendor member. CSIO vendor members provide standards based products and services to CSIO company members and their broker partners. Canadian P&C brokers are members of CSIO through the Insurance Brokers Association of Canada (IBAC).

Onramp Network Services Inc. is a Network Services and Solutions Provider for corporations. They specialise in high speed Internet connectivity, large development, deployment and hosting of E-Commerce and Web Applications as well as Wide Area Networking solutions using conventional and VPN solutions.

Company CEO Karim Mitha says, “Networks have become key components of doing business and Onramp, through its Insurance vertical market, has created many management tools for network integration, management and monitoring. These tools help to achieve the efficient business transaction exchange between insurance companies and brokerages that use CSIO EDI.”

“CSIO is pleased to be able to expand its vendor member ranks through the addition of Onramp Network Services Inc.” according to Klaas Westera, president of CSIO. “Their focus on the Canadian P&C Insurance Industry using existing and emerging new industry standards will help the industry maintain and further grow its competitive advantage over alternative channels. CSIO EDI standards are used by the majority of Canadian brokerages to exchange insurance transactions with their insurer partners. XML standards, which are used by the CSIO Insurance Portal are quickly being utilized within the industry to further expand insurance transaction exchange.

Onramp Network Services Inc. offers a complete range of products and services for the networked computing environment. Established in early 1994, Onramp Network Services Inc. is a privately owned, profitable, Canadian company. Onramp Network Services is focused on providing solutions to businesses whose vision includes effective use of networks. Onramp has established partnerships for hardware, software and telecommunications facilities with industry leaders who share our commitment to provide excellent performance and high quality customer service.

The Centre for Study of Insurance Operations (CSIO) is a national organization, supported and

funded by committed broker insurance companies and the broker community through the Insurance Brokers Association of Canada (IBAC). Its mission is to assume a leadership role in facilitating the continuous improvement in efficiency and effectiveness of the delivery of insurance and complementary products and services to the consumer. CSIO is responsible for the development and maintenance of Canadian industry standards in forms, EDI, XML and Web screens.

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