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## **Sirius Announces Cloud Services Offering Tailored for Learning Management Applications and ERP Solutions**

*Solution Gives Higher Education Organizations an Option to Lower Costs Dramatically*

**San Antonio, TX – 27 June 2011** - [Sirius Computer Solutions](http://www.siriuscom.com), Inc., a technology solutions provider and Datatel infrastructure partner, has announced a Cloud Services offering to help academic enterprises lower IT infrastructure costs while improving service levels.

"We have been providing higher education clients with IT infrastructure solutions optimized for the leading application providers," said Tom Neville, senior vice president of sales at Sirius. "Now we can also offer a Cloud Services solution that eliminates the burden and costs of the physical infrastructure while increasing service levels to users."

Higher education solutions from Sirius have provided a secure source for advanced infrastructure design, hardware and software products, and professional services. Sirius has extensive knowledge, experience and expertise to help build solutions that support student success through optimized IT environments.

Today, many institutions are considering a move from legacy UNIX platforms to Microsoft Windows and SQL Server. Often times, institutions are still utilizing the same hardware they purchased when implementing their ERP solution or completing their last major software upgrade, and the platform question cannot be avoided.

"We are seeing institutions expand the breadth of their ERP with portal solutions and products designed for recruiting and retention," said Troy Hammond, client executive at Sirius. "These users are faced with the challenge of supporting multiple operating systems and database platforms, further burdening an already taxed staff."

The combination of recent developments, including new chipsets and advances in virtualization technology, and Sirius' new capabilities for Managed Services, has allowed Sirius to offer a completely virtualized IT infrastructure environment.

"Using our knowledge about leading ERP application components, we have designed a cloud-based solution to host the entire IT infrastructure, supporting student systems, portal solutions and recruiter products," said Jay Johnson, director of Managed Services at Sirius.

Cloud-based solutions from Sirius are designed to solve many challenges that higher education institutions face, including:

- Lack of staff
- Lack of training on current technologies
- Software licensing
- Hardware maintenance costs
- Inadequate space, power and cooling in the data center
- Aging infrastructure
- Funding for capital expenditures (hardware refresh costs)
- Extended procurement process

Sirius leverages virtualization technologies and knowledge of the ERP and LMS application components to create a Cloud Services offering hosted on equipment in a SAS-70 II-certified fault-tolerant data center managed by on-site staff 24x7x365. It is a Tier III facility designed to accommodate the changing power density and cooling needs of the market while maintaining consistently high levels of customer services and support.

**About Sirius:** Sirius is a national IT solution provider and a Datatel Partner dedicated to helping clients implement advanced infrastructure solutions that provide a competitive advantage and a positive return on investment. For more information about Sirius, visit [www.siriuscom.com](http://www.siriuscom.com).

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