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H&W releases findings about CICS market in second-annual report based on z/Journal's 2011 survey

BOISE, Idaho – April 28, 2011 – H&W Computer Systems, Inc. (H&W) today released its second annual report analyzing results of the 2011 *z/Journal* CICS survey. Through a special arrangement with *z/Journal*, the H&W report presents the survey results, explains their significance in terms of extending mainframe data or applications to other environments, and compares the findings to the 2010 results.

"As our readers know, we do not release results that we collect in surveys performed by us, but like last year the data in this CICS survey is so compelling we felt it would be very helpful to many mainframe sites," said Bob Thomas, publisher of *z/Journal*. "As was the case last year, only compiled data in aggregated form is being revealed. This makes us comfortable releasing the survey results to show the continuing vibrancy of CICS in satisfying business requirements."

Compiled from responses from 172 IT professionals with IT architecture responsibility, the *z/Journal* survey results provide respondents' views about the current CICS production landscape, modernization considerations and challenges, and successful approaches to supporting current CICS needs and future requirements. "With this second annual *z/Journal* survey, we can see what has changed since last year," said Joe Burns, senior product manager at H&W. "The H&W report examines the results to help organizations that use CICS and VSAM see what others are doing with these technologies and hopefully apply that knowledge to their own situation."

The H&W report analyzes the business needs and challenges in accessing nonrelational data like VSAM in modern uses. It also explores the strategies IT professionals are implementing to make it easier to access data and extend the usefulness of important business functionality.

Key findings include:

- Concurrent access to the data from CICS and batch was important to 77 percent of survey respondents.
- Modernizing legacy applications increased in importance as a strategy since last year's survey results.
- Approximately half of respondents who have CICS, batch, and VSAM files use file sharing tools or processes.

View the H&W report analysis at <http://pages.hwcs.com/cics-report.html?id=hwcs-pub>

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