



Intranet tops €100 million in calls for tender issued in one month

Rouen, France (30.01.2006): For the first time since the launch of the Intranet (www.intra.net), the multilingual portal for professional interpreters and translators, the overall value of the calls for tender for translation and interpretation services published on the portal exceeded EUR 100 million in the month (January 2006).

Launched in 2002 after two years of development by a team of linguists from 26 countries, the Intranet is available in 33 language versions*, representing the mother tongues of 90% of all Internet users. In addition, its services and its functions are all interoperable between the various language versions.

Among the 25 services available, the portal comprises a multilingual outsourcing system for interpretation and translation services. Free of charge, customers can publish requests for quotes, calls for tender and job offers, which are automatically transmitted to the professional interpreters and translators who are members of the network in relation to their profiles and the customers' search criteria. To facilitate contractual relations, the highly detailed CVs of Intranet members are automatically displayed in the language of the net surfer.

Over a period of 30 days (mid-December 2005 to mid-January 2006), the overall value of the calls for tender estimated and published by customers exceeded EUR 100 million. This value does not take into account the requests for quotes, which remain confidential.

The calls for tender in the month concerned a number of European countries such as Belgium, France, Ireland, Italy, Spain, and the United Kingdom. The value of the calls for tender indicated by clients is generally expressed in euros, except for calls for tender published in the United Kingdom, which are expressed in GBP.

The overall value of the calls for tender in the 6 countries reached EUR 29,425,753. This, plus the calls for tender expressed in GBP converted into euros i.e. EUR 87,195,924, represented a sum total of EUR 116,621,677.

In addition, in January 2006 the Intranet was approved by the UNESCO Observatory for the Information Society for its work in favour of linguistic diversity, which its members consider to be equally as important as the commercial value of the calls for tender published on the portal.

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Languages in which the Intranet is currently available:

Arabic, Armenian, Brazilian Portuguese, Bulgarian, Catalan, Chinese (simplified and traditional), Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, Dutch (B), English, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Slovakian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish