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## **School Food Trust selects financial accounting solution from Sapphire Systems**

**Independent body tasked with transforming school food and food skills to implement Infor FMS  
SunSystems**

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**LONDON, UK – 11 November 2008.** Sapphire today announced that it is to supply and implement the SunSystems financial accounting solution to the School Food Trust.

The School Food Trust (SFT) was established by the Department for Education and Skills in September 2005. Its unique remit is to transform school food and food skills, promote the education and health of children and young people and improve the quality of food in schools.

Garry Bell, Director of Corporate Services, said “We needed to find a new accounting solution as we had been using the system used by the Department for Children, Schools and Families which wasn’t really suitable for our requirements. It was an old cash-based system, whereas we had a need for an accruals based system.”

The finance team at SFT conducted a formal tender process and looked at several solutions before short listing just 2: SunSystems and IBS OPENFinancials. Sage was also considered, but did not make it onto the shortlist.

On the decision to implement SunSystems Garry said “We drew up a spec and ultimately SunSystems was the best fit for the interrogation we need to do on our data. With SunSystems we are also able to set up flexible reporting systems which are key to our department.” He went on to say of Sapphire “I have worked with Sapphire in the past. We went out to tender, but knowing Sapphire I would say that they are the best company to contact regarding SunSystems.”

Looking ahead Garry says “Once SunSystems is live we are looking forward to working with a proper purchase ledger system. The team will be able to produce management accounts in just a third of the time taken with the previous system. We will really benefit from the time saved.”

Ian Caswell, Sapphire’s Managing Director, added “We aim to provide the best service possible to our customers and it is always rewarding when someone that has moved on to another organisation looks us up again. The SunSystems Team at Sapphire is delighted to be working with the School Food Trust to improve

the efficiency of their financial accounting – the fact that they will save so much time in putting together the management accounts they need is testament to what an effective solution SunSystems is.”

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**About Sapphire Systems plc**

Sapphire is the global leading Infor FMS SunSystems partner and is an SAP Gold partner – number one for SAP Business One in EMEA. Since 1986, Sapphire has offered customers wide-ranging practical expertise in selecting and implementing advanced financial accounting, business management and procurement solutions and today provides software, services and support for over 600 customers worldwide from their offices in the UK and USA. Sapphire is a founder member of the British Application Software Developers Association and was one of the first signatories of the BASDA Green Charter.

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[www.schoolfoodtrust.org.uk](http://www.schoolfoodtrust.org.uk)

**About Infor FMS SunSystems – version 5**

Infor FMS SunSystems v5 is a richly featured global financial management solution. Its unique single-ledger design, with strong multi-currency and analysis capabilities, provides an ideal basis for financial reporting, and is complemented by integrated business process functionality for purchasing, sales, and inventory management. Available in a range of languages and configurable to meet varying accounting requirements, Infor FMS SunSystems v5 provides a common accounting solution that can be deployed globally to meet local requirements at the lowest total cost of ownership.

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