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**Blackhawk Area Credit Union Selects CUOL as Technology Partner,  
Outsources Data Processing**

*Blackhawk Area CU Joins Other XP In-house Clients in Migrating to CUOL's Data  
Center*

WALTHAM, MA, July 24, 2008 – Credit Union On-Line, Inc. (CUOL), the country's only data center provider of FiServ's XP2 platform, announced today that Blackhawk Area Credit Union has selected CUOL as its complete technology solutions provider. With approximately 6,000 members and \$27 million in assets, Blackhawk Area CU is one of several credit unions that has recently migrated from an in-house XP client to the CUOL data center.



**Rhonda Schroeder, CEO (left), and  
Sandra Howard, Credit Manager  
(right), Blackhawk Area CU**

Blackhawk Area CU, located in Savanna, IL, and originally established in 1935 to serve the workers of the Pacific Railroad IL division, was operating on an outdated XP legacy system and performing its data processing in-house. Blackhawk Area CU evaluated several other technology solutions, but determined that the current XP2 browser-based platform best suited its needs. The organization was faced with the challenge of upgrading to XP2 by the end of the year, which would require a significant reinvestment if it were to upgrade in-house, in order to benefit from the new services and enhancements. Since CUOL partnered with FiServ to support the XP2 solution in a service bureau environment, Blackhawk Area CU can cost-effectively outsource its data processing to CUOL and continue to run on the XP platform.

"Through our partnership with CUOL, we can stay with XP, upgrade to the online version, and enhance the services we provide to our customers at an affordable

price,” said CEO of Blackhawk Area Credit Union Rhonda Schroeder. “We have been with the XP family for fifteen years and are very pleased with their system. With, CUOL we can run on the XP2 platform and outsource our data processing initiatives, which will allow extra time for our management team to concentrate on the credit union's strategic goals. We are looking forward to migrating to CUOL's data center and to our long-term partnership!”

Historically, most small- and mid-sized credit unions have managed their data processing in-house. However, with rising costs and the resource demands brought on by regulatory changes, enhanced security, compliance requirements, and the development of a proper business resumption plan, credit unions have been forced to reevaluate their entire data processing procedures. By outsourcing processing to data centers like CUOL, credit unions like Blackhawk Area can focus on more strategic initiatives and core business functions, including better serving their membership.

“We're excited about the opportunity to partner with Blackhawk Area CU and to provide them with our technology support,” stated CUOL president and CEO Connie Boretti. “As the third in-house XP client to migrate to our data center and the current XP2 platform, Blackhawk Area signifies an important milestone of our partnership with FiServ. Allowing CUOL to process for in-house XP clients is the least invasive and most inexpensive way to operate on the upgraded XP2 platform.”

Blackhawk Area CU will complete its migration to CUOL this fall, joining other XP in-house Credit Unions that have made the transition including the L.E.S. Federal Credit Union of Baton Rouge, LA, and University of Central Florida Federal Credit Union of Orlando, FL.

**About Credit Union On-Line, Inc.:**

Credit Union On-Line, Inc. (CUOL) has been providing data processing solutions for credit unions since 1980, and is the only complete technology solutions provider in the U.S. that offers FiServ's XP2 platform in a data center environment. Based in Waltham, MA, CUOL integrates XP's core data processing applications, built on a centralized and open DB2 database, with key features, including: online banking; voice response with voice recognition; a general ledger/accounting products suite,

including ALM; e-statements; consumer and mortgage loan origination; electronic member identification; a robust collections application; and commercial deposit accounts and lending. CUOL also assists its credit union clients with their disaster recovery, regulatory compliance regarding the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA), and business resumption efforts. CUOL is a national provider of XP data processing services, and ranks the 23rd largest Credit Union Service Organization, according to *Credit Union Times*.

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