



Openbravo backs Open Solutions Alliance as founder member

New independent consortium (OSA) to educate and inform businesses deploying open source, while promoting best practice and interoperability among vendors

Open Solutions Summit, New York, NY - February 14, 2007 — Openbravo, the leading developer of professional, web-based, open source ERP solutions designed specifically for small and medium businesses, is a founding member of the Open Solutions Alliance (OSA), a new non-profit consortium dedicated to helping businesses and developers reap maximum benefits from open source technologies.

Openbravo is already playing a major role in establishing the OSA alongside other enterprise application specialists which include Adaptive Planning, CentricCRM, CollabNet, EnterpriseDB, Hyperic, Jaspersoft, SourceForge.net®, SpikeSource and Talend.

“Open source is here to stay, so we need to build strong foundations for an ambitious future” said Josep Mitjà, Chief Operating Officer for Openbravo. “Everyday more businesses are grasping the basics of the open source framework and are showing huge interest in deploying such technology across their organisations. It is vital that we act now to help the industry mature rapidly and meet this need by addressing key issues such as interoperability.”

“The Open Solutions Alliance invites all vendors that wish to contribute to the bright future of open source to come together and unite to ensure developers and business users alike understand the benefits of open source and can share best practices going forward.”

The OSA is an important vendor-neutral alliance welcoming any companies committed to the development and support of open source technologies, regardless of application. The Alliance will strive to ensure interoperability and communication between its members and to embrace all independent software vendors (ISVs), open source vendors and end users seeking to learn about, or deploy, open source technology.

The OSA’s initial activities will include defining and promoting of tools, frameworks and best practices that will further facilitate easy deployment and interoperability between member applications. The alliance will create ‘meta-communities’ by forging partnerships on projects that involve a broad range of companies, communities and individuals to drive innovation and collaboration more rapidly. This will be followed up by coordinating joint marketing campaigns to raise the awareness of business-hardened open source applications and solution suites.

Notes to editors:

About the Open Solutions Alliance

The Open Solutions Alliance (OSA) is the nonprofit, vendor-neutral consortium dedicated to delivering open source suites for business. Founded in 2007, it is supported by leading open source companies dedicated to expanding the market for end-to-end open source software solutions. Through cooperative action and advocacy, the OSA will help reduce barriers to adoption, facilitate interoperability and raise the awareness of the benefits of open source software in business. For more information, please visit www.OpenSolutionsAlliance.org

About Openbravo

Openbravo is the leading professional open source enterprise management (ERP) solution for small and midsize enterprises (SMEs). Driven by open source philosophies and best-in-class services, it delivers a fully integrated, web-based ERP system tailored to the needs of any company, regardless of size or industry sector. The functionality of Openbravo is in continual growth thanks to an expanding international community of users, partners and developers. Openbravo helps companies to manage daily operations, optimise business processes, enhance customer satisfaction and ultimately increase profitability. And because it is open source, Openbravo puts the customer in full control without the overheads of contracts or licenses. In January 2006, Openbravo secured a €5 million (\$6.4m) financing agreement with Sodena - record funding for an open source ERP company - to fuel further software development and international growth.
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