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# HOW TO BUY CALL CENTER/ CRM TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES JUDICIOUSLY

THE GREATER THE OPTIONS, THE MORE CHALLENGING BUYING "THE RIGHT" PRODUCT OR SERVICE WILL BE

In this twenty-fifth edition of Customer Inter@ction Solutions'
Buyers' Guide, our editors have focused on obtaining guidance on "How To Buy" new technologies and services by contacting industry leaders and leading vendors to obtain their views and know-how. The objective is to help our valued readers avoid costly mistakes and buy "the right product or service."

As the industry's first and pioneering publication since 1982, it is our paramount responsibility to offer the highest quality and relevant content to help our readers.

Accordingly, we have devoted this entire issue to this vitally important topic.

### **Early Adopters Benefit The Most**

Competitive advantage comes when, and only when, you are a first adopter of new technology. Let us all remember the first law of positioning, which says, "It is better to be first than to be better." Given that being the first in just about anything is far more important than being the best, it is a no-brainer that being an early adopter is vitally important to any company's success.

### Industry Leaders and Leading Vendors' Views On Acquiring CRM Solutions

Here are some excerpts from contri-

butions made by industry leaders on the topic of purchasing CRM solutions.

### Oracle

- Select a solution that allows you to quickly deploy CRM on-demand for front-line users, while tightly integrating with the industry-specific, enterprise CRM used to manage your most complex business problems.
- Look for integrated business intelligence tools that deliver actionable intelligence for each business function and user role.
- Look for proven solutions that both your business and your IT users can adopt and support in the shortand long-term.

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For on-demand CRM solutions, consider the following:

• Multi-tenancy. The multitenant model allows companies to run a single code base that is shared by all users and upgraded simultaneously — delivering all the benefits of innovative new releases, with none of the painful legacy of upgrades. With a multi-tenant architecture, customers can scale and innovate quickly, and enjoy the economies of scale of a world-class infrastructure that typically would have

been out of reach. Multi-tenancy also ensures that customers do not have to rebuild their customizations or integrations every time the service is upgraded to the next version.

- Multiple applications. When purchasing a SaaS solution, customers should look for vendors that provide multiple on-demand applications. These multiple applications provide a consistent user experience and an integrated source of knowledge for employees and customers. By using multiple applications that all run on one platform, it's easy for customers to integrate their data and workflow, and manage the administration of users and changes to applications. It also makes it easier for users to use applications since they have a common look and feel. This reduces training and time searching for information.
- Platform-as-a-service. Companies in the market for on-demand CRM should look for global service, complete customization and out-of-the-box integration to all of their enterprise and desktop systems.

### SAP

Too often, customer-facing communications operations are rigid and hardware-based, which can make it difficult and expensive to organize customer service and telemarketing programs that flexibly respond to customer needs. Executing an effective communications strategy becomes even more difficult as customers seek real-time contact through text messaging, e-mail and the Web. Delivering an effective multichannel customer experience to customers requires a more comprehensive solution.

Customers looking to revamp their contact center environment would benefit from asking the following questions:

· Across which channels do I want to interact with my customers?

- How can I make my call center work to my advantage as a competitive differentiator?
- How can I empower other parts of the business with customer insights garnered through my call center?
- Will I be running operations across multiple locations and communications channels?
- Do I need my users to be able to access this information remotely or through a mobile device?

Once a customer determines their customer call center requirements and defines their objectives, they should ask the following:

- Does the solution offer flexible deployment options including the use of a hosted contact center so that I can tailor my contact center to changing needs and environments per location?
- Will it be able to flexibly handle peak loads and random call arrival?
- Does it provide a shared knowledge repository for better first-call resolution?
- Can it help control the call routing and resolution process with standardized call scripts and workflows, and provide agents with a unified desktop and managers with tools needed to manage and analyze call center operations?
- Does this solution offer comprehensive support for inbound customer contact centers - even those that are spread across multiple sites and serve multiple contact channels?
- Does the solution allow you to link contact center interactions and efforts to sales and marketing planning and execution?

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- Are highly agile to prove their value, call center software today needs to show it can directly capture business objectives, automate the programming and any associated work. Systems must be able to accept a change and then apply it specifically where it's needed within an application;
- · Bridge the gap with disconnected channels by implementing a single and scalable process across multiple channels, yet still allow for specialization such as UI presentation and service levels where needed;
- Are able to integrate application functions, essential enterprise data and human tasks together into efficient and streamlined customer-centric processes: and
- Possess the tools to consume enterprise customer information without replication, and then deliver the conclusions and processes that match

specific business goals and anticipated customer needs, and help CSRs provide higher levels of customer satisfaction.

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Questions to ask when considering the purchase of CRM solutions:

- Ask, what path do you want to take? Determine if your needs are for a more data-centric tactical solution or for a process-centric system that will impact more than just one facet of the business. This can help meet expectations in terms of implementation time, integrations and overall cost.
- Check references and specifically ask if the vendor did what they said they were going to do. Did they do it on time and on budget? How responsive were they to your questions and requests?

• When looking to buy for a call center, it is important to consider looking for a solution to manage the information going to a customer-facing Web site, or Web self-service, in addition to a traditional relationship management system. Having both the "front office" and "back office" speaking to each other will have a greater impact of customer satisfaction.

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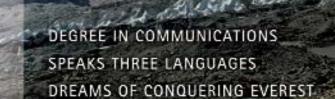
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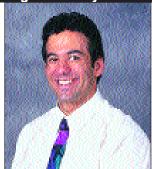
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# Microsoft Unifies The Call Center

The call center is a complicated place. In a way, it's like Grand Central Station to any business. Almost all contact with customers (customer contact, of course, being the most important kind of contact there is for a business) passes through the call center. It either originates there, or is the ultimate destination. It arrives on a number of tracks, so to speak. It comes in at all different times and via various means. (Hey...the subway comes into Grand Central Station too, you know. And there are taxi stands. Private car drop-offs. Work with me, here.) As a result, the call center has become a complex place. Agents are increasingly challenged to manage a great deal of data and juggle an increasingly large number of applications.

Some days, just the sign-on process alone, multiple times per day, is enough to waste enough time to effect a negative impact on call center volumes.

Microsoft (www.microsoft.com) recently announced steps to do away with some of the complexity via its debut of Microsoft Customer Care Framework 2008 (CCF 2008), a software product designed to help companies improve the quality of their customer interactions by aggregating information from existing business applications into a single unified desktop. This latest version offers noteworthy updates to simplifying tasks and workflow processes, integrating customer interaction channels and accelerating the time to market. By implementing CCF 2008, companies can actually increase operational efficiency and enhance productivity within their customer care environment.

"Customers want prompt, accurate and rich interactions with the companies with which they do business," said David Sliter, general manager of the Industry Solutions Group at Microsoft. "Customer Care Framework 2008 makes it easier for companies to support their customers by automating workflow and integrating it with business processes. With a truly unified view of the customer coupled with application automation, employees are empowered to deliver world-class sales, marketing and service experiences to their customers."

I had a chance to speak with Vish Thirumurthy, Group Product Manager of Microsoft, about the CCF 2008 announcement in more detail.

RT: Can you provide an overview, in a nutshell, about what CCF actually does for the agent at his or her desktop?

VT: CCF provides a unified, real-time, 360-degree view of customer information by aggregating and automating all the data from disparate back-end line of business systems, and the channels of communication from which the customer may be contacting them. By integrating the channels, there is consistency between the customer information regardless of the channel of contact. CCF also now provides sophisticated workflow for tasks and business processes to help guide the agent easily through their daily tasks in responding to customer queries. The workflow automatically brings up the required applications in the process and auto-populates information into and between the various relevant applications.

RT: Which applications (CRM, etc.) specifically is CCF linking up? Just Microsoft solutions or other common contact center software solution?

VT: CCF leverages and works with a wide range of business applications including Win32, Web-based, Java, custombuilt, and legacy applications — as well as all telephony infrastructure (CTI, IVR, etc.) that is currently in place. CCF provides the interface to channel providers from a central/controlled server which allows CCF to smoothly integrate all the communication channels.

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RT: Can you talk about the "Windows Workflow Foundation" in more detail? How does this work, and how does it save agents time?

VT: CCF leverages Microsoft's Windows Workflow Foundation as the engine that provides the automation between the applications to automatically open on the desktop the relevant apps to handle a given customer request, and common information is populated between applications. By automatically accessing the relevant applications, and providing the workflow from one to the next, the agent's process is significantly streamlined, and they can spend more time providing a satisfying sales, marketing and service experience for the end customer

RT: I could see how that would eliminate errors in having to retype information, as well. Automating workflow sounds like a good idea, but it seems like one of those applications that's only as good as the person making the workflow decisions. Does Microsoft help companies make choices that make sense for each contact center?

VT: Microsoft works with the company's business analysts to determine their specific workflows based on their typical customer interactions to design and map the workflow and applications.

RT: What happens when the applications that need to be integrated are hosted applications?

VT: CCF can integrate these applications in the same way as the back-end applications through programmatic or presentation integration.

RT: How complex is the job to integrate CCF with all these applications? How soon can a company be up and running?

VT: Since CCF provides front-end, presentation layer integration as one option, CCF can rapidly aggregate the applications to the desktop. With the enhancements to this latest release of CCF 2008, it is considerably quicker, easier and less expensive, with less risk than ever to realize business results and rapid ROI. CCF accelerates the development, integration and deployment of customer care solutions, and there is no replacement of existing systems required. A company can be up and going with CCF within weeks or several months depending on the size and complexity of the implementation.

RT: How are some ways that CCF 2008 would hit ROI goals for users? (Lowering turnover, reducing training times, eliminating wasted time for log-ins, etc.)

VT: CCF rapidly recognizes a return on investment for customers. Key to this is the impact on agents, with reduced training times (by as much as 50 percent or more), increased retention due to improved job satisfaction by providing all the tools needed for them to meet their goals of delivering efficient service, as well as the resulting lowered recruiting costs. There is also the time saved with Single Sign-On, which can eliminate seven to ten minutes of time, reduce call handle time, reduce customer hold time, reduce call transfers and provide the opportunity for needs-based selling

RT: Can you tell us about anyone who is using CCF 2008 now, what they're using it for and what improvements they have seen?

VT: We have a number of global customers across multiple industries such as BT Germany, Vodaphone, Telemar, Nawras, Elisa Mercy Healthcare, T-Com, Unibanco and El Pais. They have all recognized an accelerated ROI due to rapid deployment, many have recognized significantly reduced call handle times, as well as reduced training time for agents, and some have measured increased employee retention, as well as improved customer interactions, which ultimately drives customer satisfaction.

RT: Thanks for your time. cis





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# The "Intelligible" Choice: Intelligibility Of Calls As A Competitive Advantage

By Joe McGrogan, Plantronics, Inc.

Contact center managers rely on clear, effective communications as the cornerstone of their business. Headsets provide the critical link between their agents and customers, which is why sound quality is so important. How well the agent can hear the caller has a direct affect on customer satisfaction, agent productivity and employee turnover. As a result, deploying high-quality direct connect headsets with clear audio, or amplified headset systems—which provide enhanced audio clarity, volume control, and other benefits—provides a number of benefits and a better return on investment. In fact, every performance metric imposed on contact center managers can be improved with a clearer, more intelligible inbound and outbound signal.

What kind of sound should a telecommunications headset have? It needs to give the wearer clear, undistorted audio at appropriate volume levels. A headset also needs to deliver the right type of sound. To illustrate, headset products from consumer audio manufacturers tend to emphasize the bass range, which can initially sound better to people accustomed to listening to home and car audio systems. But in fact, it is in the higher frequencies where your agents hear much of the critical information from your customers.

Unfortunately, high-frequency signals deteriorate as distance from the telephone switch increases. Mobile and cordless phones also play havoc with these signals. A headset that boosts the higher frequencies enables the agents to better understand human speech. Through a unique frequency response curve as well as through audio enhancement algorithms in the audio processors, Plantronics headsets make calls significantly more intelligible. Plantronics headsets actually minimize repetitions, making agents more productive and customers less frustrated. By providing a more intelligible audio signal, Plantronics headset solutions

also reduce the number of mistakes that agents make when taking information from customers.

### **Sound Innovations**

In addition to incorporating the latest technologies in the headset system itself, headset manufacturers must employ hightech innovations to create headset designs that meet the demands of actual use in contact center environments. The first step in creating these advanced acoustic designs starts with the ability to make accurate and consistent sound measurements, which requires special test equipment. Plantronics developed a unique head and torso simulator that accurately models the acoustic characteristics of the human head. When used in Plantronics' world-class low-noise anechoic chamber, engineers can objectively measure sound quality exactly as experienced by the wearer. This makes it possible to engineer sound improvements based on real-world contact center conditions.

### **Amplified Benefits**

Another way to improve the ability of agents to hear customers clearly in a real-world contact center environment is by upgrading to an amplifier-based system. Plantronics amplifiers with Clearline<sup>TM</sup>

audio technology enhance sound quality in a number of ways. They lower incoming line noise for a better listening experience during quiet times between calls or while waiting for a response. Additionally, outbound noise reduction goes beyond the capabilities of a noise-canceling headset to further reduce noise when the agent is not

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talking so that the caller is not disturbed by background noise or hearing other agents talking. Automatic volume control allows users to select their preferred listening level. A call volume equalizer then adjusts the level of the incoming signal so that no matter the volume of the incoming call (cell phone, poor line, great line), the received audio is always at the same preferred level. This helps to minimize agent





fatigue, which can prove critical to customer satisfaction and protecting the overall health and job satisfaction of agents.

Amplifiers also help to mitigate latency and echo issues associated with IP voice communication, which is important because even IP desk phones that claim to address these issues do not have the advanced capabilities of an amplifier such as those offered by Plantronics.

All in all, choosing a headset system—direct connect or a headset with an amplifier—with the best quality sound helps to move every key performance metric in the right direction.

### **Reducing Background Noise To Boost Customer Satisfaction**

By Tracey E. Schelmetic, Editorial Director

One of my biggest personal pet peeves with dealing with call centers is the amount of background noise that is typically heard. OK...I admit it: I am easily distracted sometimes. Trying to focus on what an agent is telling me when I can hear the conversations of other agents in the background is unsettling. Aside from simple distraction, it gives me the impression that my call is just one call among millions, and I am just a grain of sand on the beach, so to speak. While at a deep intellectual level I may KNOW this, a good call center agent should be able to make each customer forget that there are millions of other customers who are at least as important as he/she is, and feel like an individual who is of value to the company. Secondly, call center background noise provides a mental image of old-style "boiler room" call centers:

hundreds of agents crammed elbowby-elbow, taking calls while desperately wishing they could get another job...any job. Not exactly a mental image that screams "Quality." If a company cuts quality corners in its call center, where else does it cut corners? In its product safety standards? Inspections? Returns policies? Customer data security?

While call centers may no longer resemble the boiler rooms of the old days, no call center can afford to house agents in their own individual offices, or give each agent 500 square feet of floor space to keep background noise minimized. It behooves call centers, therefore, to boost the sound quality of agents' phone calls where it is economically and technologically feasible to do so: in the agents' headsets.

Aside from the other benefits we've discussed in previous issues related to the benefits of quality headsets (eliminating the need for agents and customers to repeat themselves, the elimination of errors in taking down customer information, reducing agent frustration, reducing breakage and returns), noise-cancelling features are key even for small call centers. As the factors that can lead to decreased call quality and poor customer satisfaction rise: IP telephony, heavy use of mobile and cordless phones, a very mobile consumer society that seldom chooses to call into call centers from quiet home environments and heavily accented agents in offshore call centers, it's imperative that the factor that CAN be controlled — the quality of the headset — fill that breach.

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For this, our annual Buyers' Guide, the editorial team at *Customer Interaction Solutions* decided that it's not enough to tell you where you can buy from: it wouldn't be a complete Buyers' Guide if we didn't tell you how to go about buying.

So in the interest of keeping it simple, we've broken down the tips we've collected from the various contact center industry leaders into call center sub-categories, and after each tip, we've indicated its source. We think you'll find a lot of great information here. We even learned a few things ourselves!



### Consider integration issues.

It's important to look for solutions that easily integrate with your existing contact center infrastructure. In particular, companies should be looking for workforce management applications that work with any standards-based ACD, dialer, CRM or other back-office applications. This allows organizations to leverage a complete range of information about their company-customer interactions, and gain greater operational efficiency and optimal agent utilization.

Also, contact centers should look for workforce management applications that can be synchronized with other performance optimization solutions, like performance management and quality management, which enable employees at every level of the contact center to understand how their tasks contribute to business goals, hear how they actually interact with customers, and take responsibility for their own performance. (Aspect)

### Empower your agents.

Companies should consider looking for a workforce management solution that empowers agents and reduces administrative overhead by automating schedule requests, approvals changes, and notifications, so that staff can focus on revenue-generating tasks rather than clerical details. Leading workforce management solutions now provide tools for agent empowerment, streamlining the interactions between managers, supervisors and agents. (Aspect)

### Seek scalability.

Make sure the solution is scalable and easy to integrate with other important optimization components, such as quality management, the agent and supervisor desktop, and collaboration tools. (Calabrio)

### Look for Web-based access.

Search for a solution that provides complete Web-based access to all functionality including forecasting, scheduling, administrations and user-appropriate real-time and historical reporting. (Calabrio)

# Consider forecasting and scheduling very important.

Look for a workforce management option that provides precise forecasting and scheduling based on real, historical data and the agents you actually have, rather than a hypothetical "best" schedule. Ideal schedules have their place in terms of planning, but a schedule generated based on your contact center realities will provide the most efficient

schedule given your current environment. (Calabrio)

### Determine your expected results.

To ensure everyone's expectations are clear, companies should start by developing an evaluation team. Once that team is in place, the group should clearly define what it expects to achieve. The center may expect to reduce personnel costs, improve service delivery or gain the ability to plan and manage a complex environment. Once expectations are set, the team should examine current business processes to see if changes are required. Knowing what the center wants up front will help gain buyin from internal stakeholders and define measurable goals. (IEX)

# Consider how you will evaluate whether the vendor will meet expectations.

Build a list of standard vendor evaluation questions. This will help you make an apples-to-apples comparison. The new product should streamline tasks within each user group and provide a pathway for adding new features and functions as departments grow.

Questions should focus on "how" the system performs different functions, such as skills-based scheduling.

Seemingly small differences in functionality from different vendors can make a huge difference. (IEX)

# Determine how introducing the WFM system will impact your existing technology investments.

The ability to integrate critical con-



tact center solutions together unlocks even greater ROI potential. Prospective purchasers of WFM solutions should look to vendors that support open standards such as service-oriented architecture (SOA). Connectors between existing technology and the WFM solution being introduced eases integration roadblocks while increasing the ROI value of the collective solutions. (IEX)

# Consider if the vendor's vision aligns with yours.

WFM solutions provide some of the basic building blocks for other critical contact center technologies (e.g., quality monitoring, e-learning and performance management). The vendor's long-term strategy and direction must be aligned with the center's long-term service delivery and technology plans as the vendor's research and development plans will undoubtedly impact the success experienced. (IEX)

# Ask if your organization will be able to develop a strong partnership with the WFM vendor.

Delivering the software to the customer should not be the end of the interaction. WFM deployments need to be carefully considered with the vendor acting as a partner to the customer providing assistance with deployment and goal setting in the short term, and development and improvement in the longer term. Some vendors foster an ongoing relationship through customer advocacy programs, user groups and a variety of other programs. (IEX)

### Look for products based on pre-integrated architectures (those that run multiple core contact center functions on a single platform) for lower total cost of ownership.

To find true TCO, ask the following questions:

How much is the total cost of licensing, including those for forecasting, scheduling and real-time adherence? What is the cost of required "connectors"? What is the cost of required servers? What is the cost of required

hardware? What is the cost of integration services (and training and certification, if appropriate)? What is the cost of support? (Interactive Intelligence)

# Look for products that offer ease-of-use.

Be sure the user interface screens are simple and intuitive. Be sure configuration offers a good balance between "out-of-the box" and customizable options and don't forget that configuration complexity multiplies with each system it must integrate to. Consider how tightly integrated it is with the ACD — ACD historical data are critical for effective demand planning. (Interactive Intelligence)

# Carefully evaluate real-time adherence feature.

Is it real-time or is there a delay? Look for products that offer delays of 10 seconds or less. Also, how much and what type of data does the RTA feature capture? Look for granularity such as by workgroup, media type, skill set, etc. Finally, be sure it includes features for adherence management. (Interactive Intelligence)



### Be covered from end-to-end.

Look for an end-to-end quality monitoring system that reliably captures, stores and retrieves customer interactions across multiple channels and sites. The solution should deliver high-volume recording functionality and advanced data storage, retrieval and presentation capabilities, along with tools to enhance agent training and performance. (Verint)

### Look for a browser-based solution.

Choose a browser-based quality monitoring solution to meet the needs of a broad set of contact centers, from a single center or multiple centers, regardless of whether they deliver service via the telephone, voice over IP, e-mail and the Web. (Verint)

### Capture everything.

Quality monitoring solutions should be able to capture a CSRs' voice interactions with a customer and their corresponding computer desktop activities, such as data entry, screen navigation and data retrieval. Moreover, the system should synchronize the captured voice and desktop activity during replay, allowing supervisors to observe and analyze complete customer interactions as they actually occur. (Verint)

### Think about form creation.

A quality monitoring solution should allow contact centers to create and customize forms to evaluate contact center interactions. Forms can be tailored to produce accurate evaluations of the people and contacts within the enterprise. Additionally, the system should provide an array of reports that can help managers analyze and report on contact center performance. (Verint)

### Look for online learning management.

Seek quality monitoring solutions that include an online learning management tool created for the Internet-enabled contact center environment. E-learning systems are becoming increasingly important in the contact center because they deliver personalized, cost-effective online learning while allowing managers to manage and track the content provided to agents. (Verint)

### Consider what you need to record.

In your selection process, consider giving preference to the recording systems that are capable of recording all calls, rather than a select few; this creates a deep database that can be mined to find representative calls for evaluation, coaching and business intelligence. In recent years, the cost of system hardware needed to record and store all calls has come down significantly, meaning that even smaller call centers now can take advantage of full-time recording ability. (VPI – Voice Print International)



### Maximize usability.

Plan for maximized usability of your recordings — open file formats and ODBC-compliant databases will allow for better and smoother integration into your existing and/or future systems than solutions with proprietary file formats and proprietary databases. (VPI – Voice Print International)

# Think about transition from TDM to VoIP.

Select a solution that will allow for easy and cost-effective gradual transition between TDM and VoIP recording (which may involve recording both for a time period), without negative impact on business users (source of audio should be transparent to the users, for the purposes of search, retrieval, playback, export, reporting and other functions). (VPI – Voice Print International)

### Plan to use what you mine.

Treat recorded interactions as a goldmine of market information for use by senior management. Insist on easily accessible reports and an option for speech analytics, whether you implement it now in the future. (VPI – Voice Print International)

# Get buy-in, and not only the executive kind.

Get buy-in from contact center agents. Have senior management communicate that recording and related applications will help agents do their jobs better, in addition to helping the center manage liability. (VPI – Voice Print International)

### Understand the TCO.

Understand the total cost of installing recording software – i.e., maintenance, install, cost of software and hardware and time to train personnel. (OrecX)

### Determine your needs.

Clearly outline why you want to record calls – Compliance? Risk? Or Performance? (OrecX)

### Testing, testing.

Test the software before making the decision. Demos and sales presenta-

tions cannot give you a true feel for how the solution will work in your environment. (OrecX)

### Consider if it's easy to use.

Is the solution browser-based? Can a non-technical manager use the software? Proprietary hardware and software forces organizations to have "experts" for the products they purchase. (OrecX)

When looking for a new digital call recording solution, make sure that you take an in-depth look at the product so you can really determine how easy it is to use. Your call recording product should be browser-based to ensure that anybody can understand how to use it right away. (Teleformix)

### Make sure you have support.

Does the company you are choosing have people who can fix any issues that might pop up? (OrecX)

Your call recording company should be responsive and want to work with and for you. You should expect your recording company to want to be your partner and build a long-term relationship together. (Teleformix)

### Consider the feature set.

Your call recording solution should be feature rich; i.e., you should get the most bang for your buck. You never know when you will want to use certain features only to find they are not there. (Teleformix)

### Look for unlimited scalability.

Your call recording solution should have unlimited scalability. Even if what you buy is right for today, think about tomorrow and beyond, as you grow. Scalability should seem seamless, inexpensive and easy. (Teleformix)

Make sure the recording solution you select will provide for cost-effective customization and integration flexibility, to meet your needs from day one and as they evolve in the future. Open architecture and end-user accessible APIs are a must in this regard. (VPI – Voice Print International)

### Pay for only what you use.

Your call recording solution should be able to assign its ports dynamically so you pay only for what you use. The highest number of concurrent users should really be the maximum number of licenses that you should need. (Teleformix)

### Multichannel?

Consider if the tool you are looking at supports doing reviews across multiple channels (voice, e-mail, chat) and if it supports the use of multiple review forms for a single transaction (e.g, process compliance, CSAT, etc.) (KnoahSoft)

### Feedback and coaching are important.

Consider a tool that supports a rich, context-sensitive set of feedback/coaching mechanisms (e.g., field level comments, inline voice coaching annotations, agent feedback, etc.) (KnoahSoft)

### You want a holistic view of your agents.

Look for a solution that provides a set of analytics and reporting that supports agent ranking and agent improvement targeting and tightly integrated with other performance management modules (e.g., coaching, e-learning, survey, WFM) to support a holistic view of the agent. (KnoahSoft)

Select a solution that takes advantage of powerful Web-based reporting software that provides a centralized management tool accessible through a single interface. Reports should provide drill-down capabilities for root-cause analysis and that can be exported to a wide range of formats, including PDF, Excel and HTML. (Envision Telephony)

# Select an integrated solution on one platform.

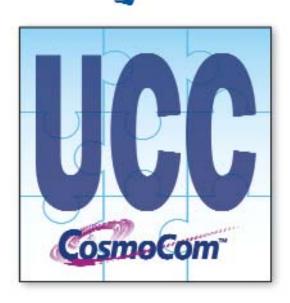
Purchasing an integrated solution from a single vendor offers the promise of a low cost of ownership and provides a single interface for scheduling, monitoring and coaching, so fewer administrative resources are required. (Envision Telephony)

### Find a common agent portal.

Look for a solution that provides a common agent portal that enables the

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delivery of all call center training, coaching and scheduling information to agents in one central location, while providing the ability for agents to respond to supervisors. (Envision Telephony)

### Timing is everything.

Choose a solution that sends coaching content, schedules and other information to call center agents exactly when it is needed. Also, select a solution that provides automated and on-demand recording software with screen capture. (Envision Telephony)

### How will you conduct evaluations?

Look for a solution that enables customizable, integrated evaluations. Evaluations can be integrated with recordings of customer interactions, call center training materials and supervisor audio annotations so everything is delivered to the agent's desktop in a single package. (Envision Telephony)



PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS (Verint-Witness)

### Can you identify root causes?

An effective performance management solution should identify and address specific root causes for customer interactions, enabling them to uncover data entry errors, compliance issues and ineffective processes that result in the breakdown of customer service. They should provide insight into functions that can otherwise be difficult to monitor and manage.

# Consider compliance and fraud detection.

Seek out performance management solutions that facilitate compliance and fraud detection by allowing auditors to review recorded interactions and pinpoint where errors or fraud are likely to occur. Performance management solutions can improve auditing capabilities while minimizing expensive penalties for non-compliance.

### Look for application monitoring features.

These can illustrate how consistently and effectively staff are leveraging desktop applications. Do systems require employees to maneuver through an obstacle course when they attempt to observe internal processes or comply with requirements? What effect does this have on customers? Going further, the system should be capable of flagging inappropriate application usage, such as prolonged Web surfing, that can detract from overall efficiency.

### Look at evaluation methods.

Performance management systems should leverage captured interactions to evaluate employee performance on a scorecard according to specific key performance indicators (KPIs). This can dramatically enhance the way organizations measures productivity and success. Evaluating staff according to consistent, clearly defined standards provides both staff and management with a tool for objectively measuring performance.



OUTSOURCED CONTACT CENTER SERVICES

There are dozens of ways for call centers to differentiate themselves, according to InfoCision Management Corp. These range from the creative things like business intelligence and scripting to operational excellence in compliance, breadth of portfolio, efficiency and productivity. But one thing is universal, and it doesn't matter whether you're handling inbound customer care and product order calls or outbound donation that is, ultimately you know you've chosen the right call center partner when they handle each and every call the same way you would if you could personally talk to every client. A couple of the first things to look for to see if they can do this are:

### Their communicator profile.

Are the people on the phones doing it as a career or a summer job? Those doing if for a career have better attendance rates and less turnover, which means you can spend more time in training and education to get the best people on the phones.

### Their quality process.

The only way to ensure consistency across dozens of communicators is to consistently monitor calls, provide coaching and mentoring on not only the outcome (the yes or no), but the entire call flow. Quality comes from consistent measurement and timely feedback.

### Their technology.

Most of the technical details really don't matter to the end user. But a call center's ability to size your work group to your exact needs, while making sure the communicators who are best equipped to handle your specific calls get most of them, can often be the difference between success or failure.

# Their account management philosophy.

The beauty of direct marketing is that it is completely transparent. With each and every call, you can measure outcome. When companies measure all operational aspects, tie in business intelligence and layer on creative scripting, offers fulfillment alternatives in a series of A-B split tests that incremental drive results, they will always build better client experiences. (InfoCision Management Corp.)

Additional tips for selecting outsourced customer care:

### Retention is important.

The time and dollars spent hiring, placing and training contact center staff is an investment that can negatively impact service levels. Before making a contact center decision, understand the service provider's agent retention and how it's calculated. In related fashion, understanding its client retention rate is a smart means of identifying client satis-

faction, perhaps more telling than a few well-chosen references. (Ryla Teleservices)

### Ask about training.

Closely tied to retention is agent and supervisory staff training. How and with what frequency are agents and supervisory staff trained? How are training outcomes measured? How are ad hoc quality tips and process reminders shared with agents on a real-time basis? A well-executed training plan and processes help ensure your company's goals are met with consistency. (Ryla Teleservices)

Will the vendor you are considering provide the training and tools to their agents to maximize problem resolution on the initial contact by the customer? (vCustomer Corporation)

# Seek an agency that specializes in your business.

Most contact centers have a sweet spot a core set of services that they specialize in delivering. If you're a retailer, for example, perhaps your company needs a center that can provide project-based, quick-ramp support for your seasonal overflow. Whatever your industry, it's wise to match your organizations' contact center needs with a service provider that specializes in and has a proven history in delivering the type of services that best suit those needs. Once identified, you can and should drill down to clearly identify the specific results you need from the contact center (e.g., increased customer service level, higher rate of successful contacts, more customer and prospect contact options, etc.) (Ryla Teleservices)

### Look at their technology.

When evaluating a contact center's technology platform and systems, you'll want to consider several factors:
Affordability, stability, flexibility, scalability and security. For instance, regarding stability, what is the service provider's uptime? While it's inevitable that technology glitches will occur sometimes, you'll want to understand the potential partner's ability to mitigate its impact on your customer care program. Since technology is the backbone of service delivery, under-

standing the technology scope of a potential partner is critical; ensure that a representative from IT or someone familiar with call center technology is a part of the evaluation process. (Ryla Teleservices)

### Don't forget about value-add factors.

All things being equal, most centers can deliver on the basics. To help narrow the field, understand the added value a potential partner brings to the table, and its relevance to your customer care goals. (Ryla Teleservices)

### Make the most of each transaction.

What underlying processes and analysis will my vendor deploy so as to be able to maximize revenue in each transaction? (vCustomer Corporation)

### CRM is critical.

Does the vendor provide a CRM database to capture all the details of each transaction that allows me to build a comprehensive understanding of each customer's profile? Will my vendor use the CRM database to identify and analyze the underlying issues that are causing the problems for the customers? (vCustomer Corporation)

### Ask how feedback is delivered.

Will the vendor gather customer feedback across all contact channels (e-mail, voice, IVR and chat) by designing and deploying a robust survey/data gather mechanism? (vCustomer Corporation)

### Be mindful of costs.

Will the vendor analyze the cost of customer contact across various channels and identify ways to reduce overall cost such that there is no impact to overall customer satisfaction? (vCustomer Corporation)



# Weigh hosted versus on-premise solutions.

What are the business needs relating

to capacity, redundancy, consistency and scalability? (Prosodie Interactive)

### Augment, don't replace.

Choose a solution that augments live agent call centers and prevents calls being lost by answering after-hour or overflow calls. (Prosodie Interactive)

### Consider capacity.

How long will the solution fit your needs at your present rate of growth or if the rate of growth suddenly increases? What are your options when this happens? (Prosodie Interactive)

### Consider scalability.

How quickly can you scale your inbound calls in the event business conditions change and how does this affect cost or lost revenue? (Prosodie Interactive)

### Business continuity is critical.

Are your applications mission-critical, what happens if the facility where your IVR is located has a power failure or a carrier goes down, what is the cost of lost revenue? (Prosodie Interactive)

### Look at all costs.

Initial cost as well as the cost of ownership including management, maintenance, phone lines and redundancy. (Prosodie Interactive)

### Think about integration.

Make sure the solution offers integration with multiple ACDs and IVRs. (Cisco)

### Multiple browsers.

In the case of a VXML voice portal, make sure the solution supports multiple voice browser types from variety of vendors. (Cisco)



### Seek a unified solution.

Companies should evaluate the benefits of a unified solution versus imple-



menting siloed applications in contact centers. Custom integrations for different solutions can be high-risk, cost-prohibitive, labor-intensive and potentially very time-consuming and burdensome. As an alternative, unified solutions have applications which are inherently designed to work together as a single product. By uniting multiple capabilities including automatic call distribution (ACD), predictive dialing, speech selfservice, Internet contact via e-mail or chat, recording, and logging and quality management, all with unified reporting, routing and administration in a single platform, contact centers have complete control and can forever break the tyranny of integration. (Aspect)

### Standards make life easier.

Companies should demand standardsbased applications from vendors. Open standards are particularly valuable to companies because they deliver increased compatibility between components, enabling true interoperability. These technologies can have a positive impact on technology integrations, customer service, enterprise communications, presence management, and ultimately, on the bottom line. Session initiation protocol (SIP) has become the industry standard to enable two devices to communicate using a VoIP network, and companies should be looking to implement solutions that interoperate with SIPbased applications, as well as other standards-based technologies, like VoiceXML and Web services. Fundamentally, standards mean having more choice in how you deploy and maintain your contact center. (Aspect)

### Think about future growth.

One question that companies should consider in looking for contact center platforms is if the solution can easily provide all of the capabilities necessary for the business, currently and for the future. A solution should be scalable to allow for business growth, but if the contact center's needs will grow in the future, so should the solution's capabilities. (Aspect)

### Keep your standards high.

Look for a solution that supports redundancy/high availability/business continuity (Cisco).

### Balance hosted versus premise.

Examine the differences between hosted and on-premise solutions. Each has their own merits depending on the business need, but dig deeper than the prevailing hype. Conventional wisdom seems to be that hosted solutions are attractive due to the supposed low-cost up-front investment. However, when calculating the total cost of ownership, on-premise solutions can be more cost-effective investments than hosted offerings — sometimes even as quickly as within the first or second years of ownership. (Interactive Softworks)

### Integration is important.

Consider purchasing a call center software solution that allows you the ability to establish integrations between your dialer and other, existing third-party applications or custom, internal applications — without the purchase of additional software and equipment. (Interactive Softworks)

### Think about licensing considerations and future releases.

Purchase a software solution that provides you, in a single license, all of the functionality you need to sufficiently operate your contact center. Pay-per application (agent applications, supervisor applications, etc.) can become cost prohibitive, not to mention frustrating. Also, make sure your call center software vendor offers free subsequent software upgrades or otherwise does not force you to upgrade to (and pay for) future releases. (Interactive Softworks)

### Weigh organic versus merged solutions.

Consider the fact that many call center software vendors offer "bolted-on" systems with disparate products that were acquired through mergers. Holistic software offerings may represent the better bet since they were designed, from the ground-up, to work together harmo-

niously and don't require complex workarounds, proprietary APIs, and additional professional services expertise to implement. (Interactive Softworks)

# Ensure validated/certified products for your integration points within your organization.

If you are integrating unified call center products with your CRM, make sure it's been validated by the vendor and they have the customer references to prove it. (AMC Technology, L.L.C.)

### Define your multichannel workflow.

Don't just rely on your telephoneonly workflow. The workflow for e-mail and Web chat can be significantly different from the traditional call center. (AMC Technology, L.L.C.)

### Training is critical.

Ensure appropriate training of your agents and standard responses across all channels. Agents who communicate well over the phone may not be as articulate over e-mail. (AMC Technology, L.L.C.)

### Think out of the box.

There are very few "best practices" yet for unified contact centers, so be prepared to forge new ground and define your own best approach. Customers are demanding multichannel interactions, so be prepared to deliver a great customer experience across all channels. (AMC Technology, L.L.C.)



### Examine your needs.

Understand what your organization is looking for in pre-employment testing. Is it a simple test that can eliminate job candidates or a hiring solution that will be linked to predicting job performance in your organization?

Look at the vendor's experience. How much experience does the



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potential vendor have in the contact center industry and in handling multiple sites with multiple call types?

### Look for validation studies.

How will the vendor handle validation studies (proving the test actually works) for their organization?

# Look for contact center-specific solutions.

How well do the assessments being considered reflect competencies that are important to contact center work?

### Examine the simulations.

How realistic is the simulation and how does it measure multitasking?



### Consider long-term costs.

What will your costs be over three years of service or ownership? (Inter-Tel)

### Sharing vs. personalized accounts.

Ask if the solution requires you to "share" accounts or are unlimited personalized accounts available for my key personnel? (Inter-Tel)

### Ask about customization.

Are you able to brand the customerfacing screens, customize e-mail templates and set up separate queues by product or service area for maximum value (i.e., technical support, customer service and sales)? (Inter-Tel)

# Consider if you need to provide round-the-clock support.

Does the solution allow you to support your customers whenever and wherever they need you? (Inter-Tel)

### Integration is key.

Does the solution integrate with other help desk and CRM solutions for logging and reporting? (Inter-Tel)

# Compare on-demand versus premise-based.

On-demand applications delivered over the Internet are always available, highly secure and very cost-effective versus on-premise devices. Choose one that's easy to use and offers robust functionality, including these features:

*Team collaboration:* Support teams can collaborate on any session in progress, to diagnose and solve issues more quickly than relying on one agent to tackle the problem.

*Manager silent monitoring:* Managers may silently view live remote sessions in progress, in any location, to conduct spot checks and ensure quality control.

Tabbed session interface: Agents can track multiple support sessions in progress to instantly view session participants, see a thumbnail of the customer's screen, and chat or send a clipboard to others on a call.

System administrator access: Contact center representatives with administrative privileges can remotely log on to a user's computer to perform a wide range of system administrative tasks without interrupting the on-going session. (Citrix Online)



### What's the noise level?

Determine your contact center's noise level so you can select the appropriate headsets. Investing in features that you may not need, or compromising on those you do, can leave you with headsets that aren't suited to your particular contact center environment. (Plantronics)

### Know your vendor.

Consider the vendor's experience, understanding of contact centers, support offerings and financial stability. (Plantronics)

### Know the product range.

Determine whether your vendor offers a full range of products as comfortable agents are productive agents: it's never a "one size fits all" situation. (Plantronics)

### Consider standardizing.

Purchase all your headsets from a single manufacturer to enable you to get the lowest cost on equipment as well as help facilitate all service and support transactions. (Plantronics)

### Inventory management is important.

Order and store only enough replacement headsets required for regular wear and tear from your agents. Choose a vendor that responds quickly to repair and replacement issues, and provides a robust warranty as well as a headset inventory tracking process. (Plantronics)

### Look for freedom.

When buying headsets, look for products that allow freedom — freedom to move, stay hands-free and multi-task. Communication is about getting things done all while staying tuned in to your life. (Jabra)

### Seek innovation.

Whether its VoIP, Microsoft OC certification or Bluetooth technology, look for innovative solutions that make an impact on your business — all with better, faster, smaller, lighter and easier to use products.



### Look at the design.

Great designs not only should look good — they should be created for comfort and extended wear. (Jabra)

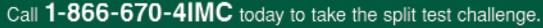
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- ment, to design, deployment, and ongoing optimization services;
- Ensure the vendor is experienced in delivering speech applications that are intuitive and simple to use;
- Look for a company that can provide value from self-service through to live assistance in one solution;
- Seek flexibility in delivery and deployment services in order to meet your unique business needs; and
- Ensure the vendor offers self-service solutions based on industry-standard platforms and tools.



SPEECH ANALYTICS (VPI – Voice Print International)

### Start with one site.

Minimize risk by starting with onesite implementation first, rather than all sites at once. Focus initially on shortterm objectives to create a baseline for process and a track record of success. You'll want to show success early and stimulate buy-in from other departments. Selecting speech analytics technology that allows for fast implementation (both installation and configuration in a matter of weeks vs. months) before gaining the first substantial results will also help you get faster and more noticeable ROI.

### Mine in real time.

Today's best speech analytics systems can deliver accurate insights very quickly, in truly actionable timeframes – this can empower you to utilize your center's time and resources for the maximized business performance. To attain this level of success, assure that your speech analytics solution of choice can mine up to 100 percent of your calls in real or at least near-real time, while providing for consistency and transparency regardless of the number of sites.

### Reap the benefits.

With the right speech analytics system, you'll also be able to dramatically decrease

your quality monitoring costs while improving focus and precision of your quality management process. Plan for the ability to automatically locate, replay and review calls of highest pertinence to your business objectives and those that require management attention and follow-up — outstanding or problematic agents, calls, customers or competitors.

### Confirm access to the system.

Prior to making a commitment, confirm the availability of quick and convenient access to the information from the speech analytics system. Upon proper implementation and with easily customizable, Internet-based interface to the application's functions and reports, your new speech analytics system will quickly become an indispensable source of business intelligence throughout the organization.

# Integration to performance management?

In your selection process, consider giving preference to the speech analytics system that already offers integration to a performance management system. Automatic processing and reporting of findings from speech analytics in concert with telephony, customer and business data from other performance management applications extends the value and benefit from each.



SMB CONTACT
CENTER SUITES
(Cisco)

# Consider an all-in-one solution if you are an SMB.

All-in-one solution including ACD, CTI, IVR, multichannel and workforce optimization

### Keep it simple.

Choose a solution that is easy to install and administer.

# Simple doesn't mean limited on features.

Look for a feature-rich agent and supervisor desktop environment.



# IP CONTACT CENTER SOLUTIONS

### You needn't bring in the forklift.

Realize that value from IP doesn't necessarily mean a forklift upgrade. Businesses can save money by reusing some of the gear they already own. A business should check its existing TDM-based contact center components — they may be easily upgradeable to IP, helping you reap the benefits of migration at a lower initial cost of investment. (Avaya)

### Assessments are critical.

Assessments can make or break the success of a mission-critical IP contact center. Never make a purchase without an in-depth review of your contact center and network. Assessments can help uncover areas of concern in order to avoid serious business continuity and service outages, and help companies identify new ways for further reducing carrier, network, application and support costs. (Avaya)

### Keep it simple.

Today's IP contact center solutions centralize and simplify agent administration and management with common agent desktops and supervisor interfaces. Ensure that an IP contact center solution allows an administrator to manage outsourced and at-home agents with the same processes and technology they use to manage in-house agents. (Avaya)

### Think beyond IP.

IP contact centers are just the start of improving the customer experience and saving money at the same time. Ensure that a company's solution supports emerging open IT standards like SIP and Web services — these technologies can help save big money by lowering CTI and application integration costs. (Avaya)

### Keep your goals in mind.

Keep the end business and IT goals in mind. Use baseline metrics and meas-



urements in the areas where there is room for improvement — such as customer service, business, operations and IT. Virtualizing a contact center with IP can help dramatically improve customer service metrics and save on costs, but remember — you can't manage what you can't measure! (Avaya)

### Don't forget about SLAs.

Require a service level agreement (SLA) that will satisfy all your particular needs. Why would you trust your service to any provider that doesn't have specified performance guarantees in an SLA? (Echopass)

### Look at certification.

Look for SAS 70 certification. SAS 70 is the standard used to measure the reliability of a service organization's internal controls and auditing practices (i.e. the ISO equivalent for service providers). (Echopass)

### Look at the vendor's partnerships.

Find a provider with "best of breed" software relationships and business partnerships to ensure reliability, ease of integration and functional flexibility both today and tomorrow. The service provider should also be experienced in integrating and managing both existing and new technologies end-to-end. (Echopass)

### Get references.

Talk to vendor references, in particular references from companies that are similar in size and complexity to yours. Find out what the reference thinks about the customer service they've received from the service provider. (Echopass)

Check the track record of the platform, not just of the vendor. You want a mature, field-proven contact center platform. Many new and unproven IP platforms are coming onto the market, some of them from large and well-established vendors. (CosmoCom)

### Get commitment to a schedule.

Confirm the provider can commit to all aspects of an implementa-

tion/delivery schedule. Request a detailed statement of work during the sales process (not after) to ensure the provider understands all your requirements and expectations. Time to value will be measured by how soon your solution can be implemented and your agents can handle customer contacts. (Echopass)

### Understand hosted versus on-demand.

Understand the vendor landscape, and in particular the difference between a "hosted" and a true "on-demand" solution. Being better informed on the differences will ensure you're able to identify what the provider is offering and get exactly what you need. Paying over time is very different from true on-demand multitenancy. (Echopass)

### Think about unity versus integration.

Select a contact center platform that unifies all major contact center functions: ACD, IVR, CTI, administration and reporting, recording and predictive dialing. Unity (as opposed to mere integration) reduces complexity, which makes for faster implementations and lower support costs. (CosmoCom)

# Remember that a contact center is more than a call center.

Select a contact center platform that is really a contact center and not just a call center, one that supports video, e-mail and Internet calls, not just phone calls. (CosmoCom)

### Remember scalability.

Verify the scalability of the platform. When you understand the benefits of IP, you will want to grow the platform and consolidate multiple locations and multiple applications. (CosmoCom)

### All IP? Hybrid IP?

If you are buying a new system, make sure that it's "all IP" not "hybrid IP." Hybrid systems are sometimes proposed as a transition strategy, but if you want all the potential benefits of IP, move up to the real thing. (CosmoCom) CIS

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StarTek www.startek.com

The Call Center School www.thecallcenterschool.com

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Voice Teleservices www.voiceteleservices.com

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Spanlink Communications www.spanlink.com

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Upstream Works Software www.upstreamworks.com

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TelStrat www.telstrat.com

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I.S. Associates, Inc. www.isassoc.com

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### 53. CRM SOFTWARE

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CFI Group www.cfigroup.com

CobbleSoft International Ltd. www.cobblesoft.com

Collaboration Technologies www.collaborationtechnologies.co.uk

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Phone Ware Inc. www.phonewareinc.com

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## 95. HELP DESK SOFTWARE

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CobbleSoft International Ltd. www.cobblesoft.com

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NetOp Tech www.netoptech.com

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Soffront Software Inc www.soffront.com

TelStrat www.telstrat.com

Texas Digital Systems, Inc. www.txdigital.com

## 96. EMPLOYMENT TESTING

BrandonWayne Group www.callcenterworkforce.com

CallCenterJobs.com www.callcenterjobs.com/clickthru.cfm ?LID=6397

Human Resource Management Center

www.hrmc.com

**PreVisor, Inc.** www.previsor.com

The Phone Coach www.thephonecoach.com

# 97. MOTIVATION PRODUCTS & SERVICES

ComplianceBridge Corporation www.compliancebridge.com

Kontakto www.kontaktos.net

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Money's Worth www.4yourmoneysworth.com

OutsourceWorld

www.outsource-world.com

Phone Pro www.phonepro.com

Snowfly Performance Incentives www.snowfly.com

### 98. RECRUITING

Aerotek Professional Services www.aerotek.com (See our enhanced listing in the alphabetical section.)

Amtech Marketing, Inc. www.amtechmarketing.com

BrandonWayne Group www.callcenterworkforce.com

CallCenterClassifieds.com www.callcenterclassifieds.com

CallCenterJobs.com
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www.hrmc.com

J. Patrick & Associates www.jpatrick.com

Kontakto www.kontaktos.net

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TeleManagement Search



www.tmrecruiters.com

### 99. TEMPORARY HELP

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# 100. INTERNATIONAL CALL BACK

Virtual Hold Technology www.virtualhold.com

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Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. www.multitech.com

Symon Communications, Inc. www.symon.com (See our enhanced listing in the alphabetical section.)

Texas Digital Systems, Inc. www.txdigital.com

# 102. INTERNET & WWW MARKETING SVCS.

Concentric, An XO Communications Service www.concentric.com

Mirabase www.mirabase.com

Synergy Solutions, Inc. www.synergysolutionsinc.com

Velaro Inc. www.velaro.com/?cid=171

# 103. INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER

Cbeyond www.cbevond.net

Concentric, An XO Communications Service www.concentric.com

# 104. INTERNET TELEPHONY PRODUCTS/SVCS.

Cbeyond www.cbeyond.net

CITEL Technologies www.citel.com

CommuniGate Systems www.communigate.com

Forum Communications International www.forum-com.com

IPitomy Communications www.ipitomy.com

IQ Services www.iq-services.com Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. www.multitech.com

NetCentrex Comverse Converged IP Communications

www.comverse.com

**Plantronics** 

www.plantronics.com/contactcenter (See our enhanced listing in the alphabetical section.)

# 106. TEXT CHAT SOFTWARE

Citrix Online (Citrix GoToAssist) www.gotoassist.com

**GyrusLogic** www.gyruslogic.com

Velaro Inc. www.velaro.com/?cid=171

### 107. WEB CALL CENTER SOFTWARE

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Attachmate www.attachmate.com

Circumference Technology Services, Inc. www.circumference.ca

Fuze Digital Solutions

Genticity www.customer1.com

KnoahSoft www.knoahsoft.com (See our enhanced listing in the alphabetical section.)

Knova Software, Inc.

NetCentrex Comverse Converged IP Communications
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NetOp Tech www.netoptech.com

Strategic Communication Systems www.strategicinc.com

Telecorp Products, Inc. www.telecorpproducts.com

VERBIO Technologies S.L. www.verbio.com

Virtual Hold Technology www.virtualhold.com

Vocalcom www.vocalcom.com (See our enhanced listing in the alphabetical section.)

I09. WEB
COLLABORATION/
SHARED BROWSING

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eGain Communications www.egain.com

Forum Communications International www.forum-com.com

SpringCM www.springcm.com

Velaro Inc. www.velaro.com/?cid=171

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eGain Communications www.egain.com

Fuze Digital Solutions www.fuze.com

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HouseCalls Audio Tour www.housecallsaudiotour.com

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Knova Software, Inc.

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Quintrex Data Systems Corp. www.quintrex.com

Salesboom.com www.salesboom.com

Velaro Inc. www.velaro.com/?cid=171

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www.teletech.com

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etalk Corp. www.etalk.com (See our enhanced listing in the alphabetical section.)

Fuze Digital Solutions www.fuze.com

Informiam www.informiam.com

Knova Software, Inc.

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www.salesboom.com

SpringCM www.springcm.com

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FacetCorp www.facetcorp.com

Intuitive Voice Technology www.intuitivevoice.com

IPitomy Communications www.ipitomy.com

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Pulse Voice Inc. www.pulsevoice.com

### II7. DATABASE MARKETING/SERVICES

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PBD Worldwide Fulfillment Services www.pbd.com TeleCall S.A.C.

Walker's Research

www.walkersresearch.com

### 118. DIRECT MAIL LISTS

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Telacquire Marketing Group Inc. www.telacquire.com

Walker's Research www.walkersresearch.com

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Mirabase www.mirabase.com

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Walker's Research www.walkersresearch.com

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Empirix www.empirix.com

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etalk Corp. www.etalk.com (See our enhanced listing in the alphabetical section.)

**HigherGround Inc.** www.highergroundinc.com

IQ Services www.iq-services.com

KnoahSoft www.knoahsoft.com (See our enhanced listing in the alphabetical section.)

OAISYS www.oaisys.com (See our enhanced listing in the alphabetical section.)

OnviSource Inc www.onvisource.com

OrecX www.orecx.com (See our enhanced listing in the alphabetical section.)

Recollect Recording, LLC www.recollectrecording.com

TelStrat www.telstrat.com

Verint Witness Actionable Solutions www.verint.com (See our enhanced listing in the alphabetical section.)

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Convertec Business Solutions

www.convertecsolutions.com

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GC Services www.gcserv.com

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NomKa Call Centers www.nomka.com

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PBD Worldwide Fulfillment Services

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Prosodie Interactive www.prosodieinteractive.com

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SpeechCycle www.speechcycle.com

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Synergy Solutions, Inc. www.synergysolutionsinc.com

Taction - The Contact Center www.taction.com

Tel-Assist www.telassist.com

Telacquire Marketing Group Inc. www.telacquire.com

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TelePlaza www.teleplaza.com

**Telerx** www.telerx.com

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Unifica Teleservices
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NomKa Call Centers www.nomka.com

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NorthWest Direct Marketing, Inc. www.nwdirectmarketing.com

Phone Ware Inc. www.phonewareinc.com

Sitel www.sitel.com

StarTek www.startek.com

**Synergy Solutions, Inc.** www.synergysolutionsinc.com

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Telerx www.telerx.com

**Telespectrum FX** www.trgcustomersolutions.com

**Telvista** www.telvista.com

**Unifica Teleservices** www.unificateleservices.com

Virtual Causeway www.v-causeway.com

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Convertec Business Solutions www.convertecsolutions.com

e-Services Group International www.e-servicesgroup.com

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Lester Inc. www.lesterusa.com

MarketMakers Group, Inc.

Nordia Inc. www.nordia.ca (See our enhanced listing in the alphabetical section.)

NorthWest Direct Marketing, Inc. www.nwdirectmarketing.com

OKS-Ameridial Worldwide www.oksameridial.com (See our enhanced listing in the alphabetical section.)

Phone Ware Inc. www.phonewareinc.com

Prosodie Interactive www.prosodieinteractive.com

Sitel www.sitel.com

**Synergy Solutions, Inc.** www.synergysolutionsinc.com

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TTC Marketing Solutions
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Virtual Causeway www.v-causeway.com

Voice Teleservices

www.voiceteleservices.com

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Advanced Data-Comm www.advanced-data.com

AnswerNet Network www.answernet.com

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GC Services

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Intelemedia Communications, Inc.

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Intelenet Global Services

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Lester Inc.

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OKS-Ameridial Worldwide www.oksameridial.com (See our enhanced listing in the alphabetical section.)

**Synergy Solutions, Inc.** www.synergysolutionsinc.com

**Telacquire Marketing Group Inc.** www.telacquire.com

Telvista

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www.e-servicesgroup.com

ICT Group, Inc. www.ictgroup.com

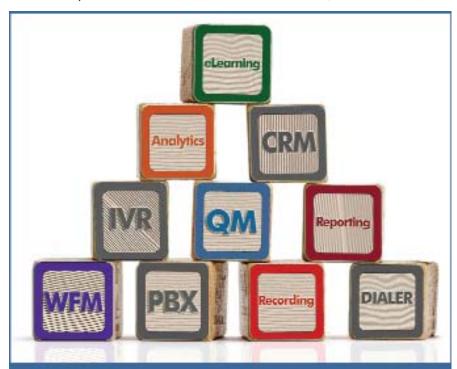
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Aspect Software Inc www.aspect.com

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Calabrio www.calabrio.com

Cerebit www.cerebit.com

CFI Group www.cfigroup.com

Codima Technologies www.codimatech.com

Empirix www.empirix.com

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**Telecorp Products, Inc.** www.telecorpproducts.com

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TeleTech www.teletech.com

Upstream Works Software www.upstreamworks.com

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Voice Print International www.vpi-corp.com

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# I39. PREMIUMS/INCENTIVES

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TelStrat www.telstrat.com

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Infor www.infor.com/inforcrm

Infusion Software www.infusionsoft.com

Mirabase www.mirabase.com

NetSuite www.netsuite.com

Oncontact Software www.oncontact.com

Onyx Software www.onyx.com

Sage Software www.sagesoftware.com

Salesboom.com www.salesboom.com

Soffront Software Inc www.soffront.com

SpringCM www.springcm.com

TeleDirect International, Inc. www.tdirect.com

Tigerpaw Software www.tigerpawsoftware.com

### I43. SCRIPTING SERVICES/SOFTWARE

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Attachmate www.attachmate.com

**OPC Marketing, Inc.** www.opc-marketing.com

Sytel Limited www.sytelco.com

The Phone Coach www.thephonecoach.com



TouchStar Software www.touchstarsoftware.com

VoxMedia Consulting, Inc. www.voxmediaconsulting.com

### **144. SECURITY**

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FOQUEST www.foquest.com

Ingate Systems www.ingate.com

Mirapoint www.mirapoint.com

NetOp Tech www.netoptech.com

# 145. SITE SELECTION/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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TelePlaza www.teleplaza.com

# I46. SIMULTANEOUS VOICE/DATA

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Cbeyond www.cbeyond.net

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LumenVox LLC www.lumenvox.com

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Voice Print International www.vpi-corp.com

VoiceObjects, Inc. www.voiceobjects.com

VoxMedia Consulting, Inc. www.voxmediaconsulting.com

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### **148. STANDARDS ORGANIZATIONS**

Amtech Marketing, Inc. www.amtechmarketing.com

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National Quality Assurance, USA www.nga-usa.com

### 149. SYSTEMS **INTEGRATION**

**AMC Technology** www.amctechnology.com

americon www.controlroomsusa.com

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Sytel Limited www.sytelco.com

TeleDirect International, Inc. www.tdirect.com

TouchStar Software www.touchstarsoftware.com

Vocalcom www.vocalcom.com (See our enhanced listing in the alphabetical section.)

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Codima Technologies www.codimatech.com

HigherGround Inc. www.highergroundinc.com

OrecX www.orecx.com (See our enhanced listing in the alphabetical section.)

Recollect Recording, LLC www.recollectrecording.com

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TouchStar Software www.touchstarsoftware.com

TTC Marketing Solutions www.ttcmarketingsolutions.com

### **I52. TESTING** PRODUCTS/SERVICES

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Samsung Business **Communication Systems** www.samsung.com/bcs

SoundBite Communications www.soundbite.com (See our enhanced listing in the alphabetical section.)

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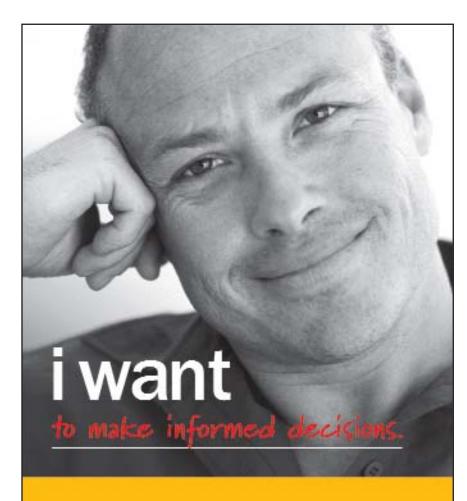
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# Ignorance Is Bliss With Technology

There is such a thing as knowing too much. When it comes to customer service issues, I find I know too much.

For instance: I'm asked to enter my 47-digit customer number into a company's IVR, and my call gets routed to an agent who answers and asks, "May I have your account number?"

Most people would either complacently recite the number (the patient types) or complain about the repetition (everyone else). I say, "What's the point of using an IVR up front when you've got no CTI screen pops?" I often get greeted with silence. Someone once told me, "We know who you are, but we want to see if you know who you are."

Aha. So it's a big conspiracy. I knew it all along.

I'm also aware that pressing zero twice will get you an agent on many IVR systems. I use that trick only after giving the IVR a fair shake. If I've made three or four menu choices and still feel I'm no closer to my destination than I was at the system's first greeting, I hit "zero zero." Sometimes it works. Ditto on speech recognition. I give it a chance. Oftentimes, it works. But on those occasions that the system is repeatedly failing to register my correct spoken choices, I have a tendency to irritably snap, "Agent."

The truth is, most companies are using ancient systems or improperly purchased or installed solutions. It's not a conspiracy, just bad management. I forget, reading and writing about cutting-edge technologies day-in and day-out, that most companies don't have cutting-edge technology. For many companies, getting 1990s technology would be an upgrade.

But here's another example of Knowing Too Much About Customer Service.

I had my oil changed recently at one of those 10-minute oil change jobbies. They are expensive, but they are convenient, so I pay a little extra money. When I arrived, I pulled my car up as I usually do, handed the keys over and walked into the office. The woman behind the counter looked at me and asked for my first name, last name and address. I shook my head, hoping to indicate that it wasn't necessary. "I'm in your system," I said helpfully. "I've been coming here for years. You used to just look me up before." She just stared at me. "Can't you just bring up my info from my license plate, or my phone number?" I asked.

"We have a new system," she told me. "So I have to do it all over again."

I thought about this for a moment. "Your new system didn't import the information from your old system?"

"No," she said, her fingers poised over the keyboard.

"You're kidding," I stated.

"No," she said, clearly beginning to wonder if I was someone she was going to have to start worrying about.

"Someone actually bought a customer database and sales system and actively made the decision to have all your stores have to re-enter all their customer information from scratch?"

At this point, I believe she was reaching to press the panic button under the desk that would have summoned a man with no neck holding a tire iron to her aid.

I shrugged. "OK," I said, and forked over my information.

As she swiped my credit card, I found myself staring at the wireless router sitting on the desk. You see, the oil change mechanics had terminals at their stations, and they were clearly sharing information across their network. My oil change person had no doubt entered what he did to my car into their system, and the cashier was able to bring it up to find out how much to charge me.

So...let's think about this equation. Wireless router + my credit card information + a technology buyer who clearly thought it was OK to make employees redo all customer records. What are the chances that the wireless network has been secured and nobody could sit in the parking lot with a laptop for the purpose of obtaining credit card and other customer information from the shop's system?

"MICROSCOPIC," boomed a voice in my head.

So, my oil is changed. My NEW customer record resides in their NEW database. My credit card info is...well, who knows where.

I guess if you're going to "know too much" about what goes on behind the scenes, a call center journalist isn't a bad place to be. Think of what restaurant chefs or brain surgeons know but don't want to tell you. Ignorance, sometimes, truly is bliss. CIS

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# Deploying A Business Communications Solution

Q: Applications, advanced features, broader integration and less hardware seems to be the sales pitch for many of the newer IP communications systems, as is simplified deployment. But "simplified deployment" doesn't tell me much. Can you share some thoughts on what you think it means?

A: Opinions can vary, but my first thought about "simplified" deployment is that the new breed of application-based communications solutions are far easier to deploy than traditional hardware systems, primarily because you're implementing a single all-in-one server rather than a multipoint hardware configuration.

For the most part with an application suite, and especially with IP telephony, SIP-supported networks and VoIP, a server resides on a single data network to drive voice traffic as well as data. And not to oversimplify things here, but configuring a communications server on a network and managing it in the same manner as a business application server is a heckuva lot less complicated than hooking up a PBX to an ACD box, an IVR system, an auto-attendant, an email server and countless other systems.

Something else to consider for simplification is the ease of deploying a serverbased communications solution within an existing voice and data infrastructure. Imagine trying to marry a new multipoint voice system to CRM applications and customer databases. Middleware and a ton of expensive integration programming might make the marriage work, but probably not without a lot of headaches.

The same goes for building a disaster recovery plan into a multisite organiza-

tion that relies on separate PBXs and communications systems at each site. If one location goes down, it stays down because there's no way to redirect calls and interactions to a sister office or designated DR site. However, if an organization deploys dispersed locations and communications from any site using the same platform and an IP network, other networked offices are fully equipped to pick up the slack should a remote location ever be disabled. Even better for organizations leveraging an IP communications infrastructure is that they can "drop in" a complete DR solution virtually anywhere on their network.

Moreover to keep up with changing business demands, especially in highly competitive markets such as the contact center sector, organizations must continually deploy new applications, new features, new services, new office locations, etc., long after a communications solution is first installed — which brings me back to all-in-one communications platforms and the path of simplicity they pave.

In a recent BenchmarkPortal research report by Dr. Jon Anton and Bruce Belfiore of the Center for Customer-Driven Quality at Purdue University ("A Cost Comparison of All-in-One Versus Multi-Point Solutions In the Contact Center Sector," August 2, 2007), the authors surveyed nearly 200 contact center managers and decision makers and reported this in their findings:

The ongoing addition (deployment) of most new technology, applications and functionality, appears significantly easier for organizations that have deployed an all-in-one solution versus those with multipoint products. This is

because these organizations need only to add on application modules or activate service updates from their single supplier, opposed to conducting full RFP processes each time a decision is made to purchase a new system for added functionality.

- All-in-one supporters note the problems often posed by deploying new technologies from disparate vendors.
   They like having fewer boxes and administrators to deal with.
- Software-based drag-and-drop programming tools offered by many all-inone providers make it significantly easier to create, deploy and maintain advanced interaction flows, such as ACD-based email routing, with no integration programming required.
- As a whole, contact center managers recognize the value of working with one vendor and a single solution, in that it inherently simplifies and speeds deployment, both initially and for future needs.

The BenchmarkPortal report includes a lot more, but the points here convey pretty much what contact center managers and IT professionals worldwide had to say about all-in-one communications solutions and simplified deployment.

So two final thoughts: 1) in environments such as a contact center where communications dynamics constantly change, the simpler their deployment capabilities, the better. And 2), given all the less visible aspects of ongoing deployments, like new business applications, new offices and time-consuming RFP processes — usually with multiple vendors instead of one — all-in-one solutions are definitely the way to go for any deployment. CIS