

## NEWS RELEASE



### Contact:

Manzoor Siddiqui

312.279.0253

Manzoor\_Siddiqui@common.org

### COMMON APPLAUDS IBM'S CONTINUED INVESTMENT IN IBM i

**Chicago, October 22, 2009** – Responding to the letter from Ross Mauri, General Manager, IBM Power Systems, COMMON welcomes IBM's announcement of enhancements to the IBM i 6.1 release. The COMMON community recognizes great promise in the preview of IBM's next major release for the Power Systems line. "The continued investment in IBM i reflects IBM's commitment to the technology as well as their willingness to collaborate with advisory councils to meet users' requirements," said Wayne Madden, COMMON president. The coming release, scheduled for the first half of 2010, will feature:

- DB2 XML support & enhanced encryption;
- PowerHA support for asynchronous replication;
- further automatic exploitation of Solid State Drives; and
- RPG enhancements to easily work a variety of client applications.

"We will be prepared to provide leading-edge education on these enhancements at our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting in May," said Madden.

COMMON's 2010 Annual Meeting and Exposition will celebrate the user group's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and provide a unique forum for IBM i experts to unveil brand new educational offerings for IBM's coming enhancements.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting has been scheduled for May 2 – 6, 2010 in Orlando, Florida and will feature COMMON's highly renowned educational and networking opportunities at the world's premier forum for the Power Systems community.

###

COMMON is the world's largest users group of midrange IBM and IBM-compatible technology. The organization comprises more than 4,000 individual and corporate members. They represent more than 22,000 IT professionals involved with the IBM i5/OS, OS/400 and related solutions. For more information about COMMON, visit [www.common.org](http://www.common.org).

IBM, IBM i and i5/OS are trademarks or registered trademarks of International Business Machines Corp.