



## **Eduserv secures reduced rates for world class library classification through shared service agreement**

**Bath, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2007** – Eduserv, the not-for-profit IT services group, announces that its software and information licensing service, Chest, has negotiated a preferential pricing agreement with OCLC PICA for WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey.

WebDewey is the world's most widely used library classification system, providing a dynamic structure for the organisation of library collections. Further and Higher Education Institutions that subscribe through Chest benefit from privileged pricing, available through Chest's shared service model.

Chest works closely with Further and Higher and Education Institutions, gaining an understanding of their requirements and negotiating deals with suppliers on their behalf. This takes away the burden of complex negotiation and licence management for individual institutions.

For further information about how institutions can benefit from the Chest service, or to add resources to the Chest wish list, please contact [chesthelp@eduserv.org.uk](mailto:chesthelp@eduserv.org.uk) or phone us on 01225 403222.

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### **About Eduserv**

Eduserv is a unique, self funding registered charity with the mission to realise the benefits of IT for learners, researchers and the institutions that serve them. Eduserv have an in-depth understanding of Education and is driven by the needs of the community to deliver real benefits and save significant sums of money each year. Services include:

- Access and Identity Management
- E-resource framework agreements for education - Chest
- Managed web hosting
- Content management (CMS) and web development.

Trading surpluses are “gift-aided” to the parent charity to support the work of the Eduserv Foundation in the education sector.



### **About WebDewey**

The Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) system, devised by library pioneer Melvil Dewey in the 1870s and owned by OCLC since 1988, provides a dynamic structure for the organisation of library collections. Now in its 22nd edition, and available in print and Web versions, the DDC is the world's most widely used library classification system.

The Dewey Decimal Classification is used to organise and provide access to Library collections, and DDC numbers are featured in the national bibliographies of sixty countries. Libraries of every type apply Dewey numbers on a daily basis and share these numbers through a variety of means (including WorldCat, the OCLC Online Union Catalog). Dewey is also used for other purposes, e.g., as a browsing mechanism for resources on the Web.

The Dewey Decimal Classification is published in two editions, full and abridged. The Classification is kept up-to-date electronically through WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey. Up to date information about DDC may be found at <http://www.oclc.org/dewey/news/>.

An introduction to Dewey Decimal Classification may be found at <http://www.oclc.org/dewey/versions/dcc22print/intro.pdf>.

### **About OCLC PICA**

OCLC PICA is a leading supplier of software solutions, content and services to libraries. Professionals and end users in academic and public libraries, the health sector, as well as government and cultural institutions worldwide benefit from its services. These include its own union catalogue and resource sharing solutions, integrated library systems and portal products. In Europe and southern Africa, OCLC PICA also offers the full range of OCLC products and services for cataloguing, eBooks, collection and digital content management and virtual reference services.

OCLC PICA B.V. is jointly owned by OCLC Inc. and Stichting Pica. OCLC is a not-for-profit organization and offers its services to 54,000 libraries worldwide. Stichting Pica (est. 1969) is a foundation that promotes and encourages the scientific and public information service in the Netherlands. OCLC PICA has its headquarters in Leiden, the Netherlands, with offices in the UK, Germany, France, Switzerland, the USA and Australia. More information about OCLC PICA can be found at [www.oclc-pica.org](http://www.oclc-pica.org).

OCLC PICA incorporates OCLC Europe, PICA (a key service-provider in the library infrastructure of the Netherlands), SISIS (the leading library-automation company in Germany) and Fretwell-Downing Informatics (a leading international provider of library automation and resource-sharing solutions).

**For more information about Eduserv please visit [www.eduserv.org.uk](http://www.eduserv.org.uk) or contact:**

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