

**WorkPlace**

WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS

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**WorkPlace Systems Gain IBM's Retail Store Integration Framework (SIF) accreditation**

**Milton Keynes** – 18<sup>th</sup> July 2006 - WorkPlace Systems plc, a world leader in workforce management solutions, has been awarded IBM's Retail Store Integration Framework (SIF) accreditation.

WorkPlace Systems joins 30 other retail IT solution providers, that are part of a validated business partner ecosystem of retail technology solutions.

The benefits to retailers of WorkPlace being accredited are two fold. They can trust that validated solutions will deliver faster deployment and easier integration. In addition, retailers can be assured of lower total cost of ownership and reduced time to deploy innovative store applications that improve customer loyalty, increase employee effectiveness and streamline store operations.

John Bailey, business development manager for WorkPlace Systems, said, "Retailers increasingly want to know that the solutions they choose are business-ready and that they can limit their risk in deployment. IBM's endorsement of WorkPlace Systems is further proof that we provide the most advanced workforce management solutions to retailers."

**About WorkPlace Systems**

WorkPlace Systems was founded in 1986 and is listed on the London Stock Exchange (WSI). WorkPlace is a world-leading supplier of Workforce Management software and of Consulting Solutions which increase customer service significantly and reduce labour costs, leading to improved site performance and customer experience. In 2005, WorkPlace Systems acquired LSI Consulting.

Hospitality and Retail clients include: Rank Leisure, Sports Café, Whitbread, Argos, Focus (DIY) Ltd, Metro Cash and Carry, Next, Morrisons, Travelex, WH Smith Travel, Woolworths (South Africa) and World Duty Free.

WorkPlace Systems is based in Milton Keynes with regional offices in Italy, Australia and the USA.

For more information visit: [www.workplacesystems.com](http://www.workplacesystems.com)

### **About Ready for IBM Retail Store Innovations – Store Integration Framework**

Ready for IBM Retail Store Innovations -Store Integration Framework is the official offering through which selected Business Partner products are designed, tested and validated for ease of use with Store Integration Framework. The Ready for IBM Retail Store Innovations offering was developed to leverage IBM's worldwide leadership in supplying solutions to the retail industry. IBM Store Integration Framework is a seamless set of middleware packaged specifically for retail, which integrates all of a retailer's devices and applications - past, present and future. Store Integration Framework provides bundled, enterprise-class software and services that are pre-integrated, packaged and configured to help retailers to increase sales, improve productivity and increase customer loyalty.

### **Current Forward-Looking Statements**

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