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## NISC® Honored with Two Prestigious North Dakota Industry Awards

**Mandan, N.D., October 13, 2009** – National Information Solutions Cooperative® (NISC) has received two prestigious awards from the North Dakota Chamber of Commerce and the Information Technology Council of North Dakota (ITCND). The awards, presented by the North Dakota industry associations, recognize NISC for developing new business technologies and for being a leader in the use of innovative technology to serve Members/Customers.

On Oct. 13, as part of the annual North Dakota Co-op Day news conference and luncheon, Vern Dosch, NISC President and CEO received the North Dakota Chamber of Commerce Business Award. The award, presented before more than 80 North Dakota cooperative and business leaders and public officials at the NISC campus in Mandan, N.D., is in recognition of Dosch's work in developing new business technologies, creating jobs and bringing national attention to NISC and the state of North Dakota.

In presenting the award to Dosch, North Dakota Chamber board member, Shannon McQuade-Ely, said, "Under Dosch's leadership, NISC has grown to be a national industry leader providing highly sophisticated enterprise IT solutions used by top Fortune 100 and 500 companies."

The award cites Dosch for establishing new processes for product development, for implementing a company-wide ethics program and for creating the Brian Wolf National IT Learning Center®, which allows both employees and Members/Customers to stay current on advancing technologies.

"The work Vern Dosch has done to grow NISC is remarkable," said Dave MacIver, president of the North Dakota Chamber of Commerce. "He is dedicated to the company, its employees, its clients, and to strengthening North Dakota's business community."

The North Dakota Chamber of Commerce is the state's largest, most influential general business organization. It offers many programs and services to help businesses succeed in North Dakota and to make the state an outstanding place to live, work and do business.

In a separate awards ceremony, NISC's Utility Bill Pay operation received the ITCND's Technology Innovator Award during the ninth annual North Dakota IT Awards program on Oct. 8 in Fargo, N.D.

The NISC Utility Bill Pay® solution is a utility information management service that assists customers in better understanding, managing and controlling their utility costs. Customers are able to outsource the costly and time-consuming task of tracking, evaluating and managing utility costs across multiple sites. NISC's Utility Bill Pay also helps each customer develop a corporate-wide energy profile, fostering a better understanding of their energy consumption patterns.

NISC implemented Utility Bill Pay in 2001 and today has 75 employees, 43 of whom work part-time or virtually from their homes. Over the next five years, NISC expects to hire 80 new employees as part of the UBP operation.

"The development of Utility Bill Pay has brought NISC and its Mandan office to the forefront when companies search for a utility information management service," said Gary Inman, ITCND president. "Utility Bill Pay is a pioneer in its service area, and is well deserving of this award."



ITCND is the leading IT advocacy organization in the state. It was founded by North Dakota business, government and education leaders to encourage the use, growth and development of information technology in North Dakota.

### **About NISC**

NISC, the leading provider of information technology products and services to the utilities and telecommunications cooperative industries, provides integrated hardware and software solutions to Member-Owners across the nation. Built on the foundation of the cooperative business model, for over 40 years we've provided innovative solutions that continue to set the industry standard.

NISC has facilities in both Lake Saint Louis, Mo. and Mandan, N.D. and employs more than 760 professionals between the two locations. Additional information about NISC can be found at [www.nisc.coop](http://www.nisc.coop).

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