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Everest and Bernstein analysts to address ITO trends and directions, impacts of asset-light model in February 27 Webinar

DALLAS, February 22, 2007 — Although the Infrastructure Outsourcing (IO) market is significantly affected by the asset-light model, the asset-heavy model won't be completely replaced anytime soon according to the Everest Research Institute and Bernstein Research, whose leading Information Technology Outsourcing (ITO) analysts will discuss ITO market trends and directions in a one-hour Webinar on February 27 at 8:30 a.m. CST.

Ross Tisnovsky, Vice President of ITO Research at Everest Research Institute, and Senior Analyst Rod Bourgeois of Bernstein Research will combine and contrast their insights on the ITO market following their examination of perspectives of key outsourcing stakeholders and external market factors, such as changes in asset accounting and growth in remote infrastructure management tools. Topics they will discuss include:

- Analysis of the changes in the asset ownership trend in Infrastructure Outsourcing and effect on the market
- Insights into deals and market conclusions, including supplier trends
- How Utility Computing and On-Demand strategies may significantly impact IT assets role in the IO market

The Webinar will comprise a 45-minute presentation followed by 15 minutes of questions and answers for participants. The one-hour session is the first in a series of quarterly Webinars to be held by the Institute and Bernstein this year.

The Webinar will take place on **February 27, 2007** at 8:30 a.m. CST (USA); 2:30 p.m. (UK); 8 p.m. (India).

To register, please visit: www.everestresearchinstitute.com/events.

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designed to provide insight and information about important market trends. The Institute's wealth of knowledge and experience provides members with unique perspectives into today's marketplace and the competitive edge required to take advantage of emerging opportunities.

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