



Statement of Direction Notice

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Dear Lawson Customer,

To provide you with a reasonable amount of time to plan and prepare for possible migration to a different database, this letter serves as notice that **Lawson's 8.1 Environment** release will not be supported on the Informix database.

If you are currently using the Informix database with the Lawson 7.3.3 or 8.0.X Environment releases, you may continue to use the Informix database and the Lawson 7.3.3 or 8.0.X Environment releases, until such releases are decommissioned, and be supported by Lawson. However, if you are in the process of upgrading to the Lawson 8.0.X Environment, you may wish to consider moving to another database such as: IBM DB2 UDB, Oracle or Microsoft SQL Server. As IBM's stated direction is to integrate the best function of Informix into its DB2 database, Lawson's support of DB2 will continue to provide you with most or all of the Informix function, and Lawson encourages you to consider migrating to DB2 over the coming years.

Lawson is working closely with IBM to ensure that our mutual customers affected by this notice have ample time to consider all options regarding alignment with both IBM's and Lawson's future product roadmaps. IBM will provide a discounted Gold Bundle trade-up license to Lawson customers. The Gold Bundle license provides licensing and maintenance for either Informix or DB2 to accommodate your future transition from Informix database software.

If you are considering moving from the Informix database, we recommend that you contact your IBM representative, or contact IBM's database software representative for Lawson, Jim Bergeson, by phone at 515-254-0645 or by e-mail at bergeson@us.ibm.com.

If you would like additional information or have questions about support for other Lawson products operating on your Informix database, please contact your Lawson Client Account Executive or Client Manager.

Best regards,

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