



## **University of Washington Goes Live with Odyssey HMS for Housing Applications over the Web**

Thursday, June 30, 2005 Ithaca, New York – College students communicate through computers, not paper forms. The CBORD Group, Inc. today announced that the University of Washington in Seattle has gone live with web-based applications using CBORD's Odyssey Housing Management System (HMS). This will allow the university to save the time and expenses associated with the traditional paper-based housing application process. As part of their long-range strategy, the University of Washington plans to implement other web-based housing management features offered by CBORD, including student-driven, web-based roommate searching and web messaging. Housing has become an important revenue center at most college campuses, with many housing operations searching for ways to become more efficient while improving their service to the student population. CBORD developed web features for Odyssey HMS knowing that many of the software's features would directly contribute to the bottom line of many university housing operations. Those operations will see significant savings from the introduction of online applications to students. Ryan Wagner, CBORD Housing Account Manager, has stated that "the great thing about CBORD's web-based housing applications is that there are few printing or mailing costs associated with the application process anymore; this provides a significant savings to schools." Housing and Food Services is a self-sustaining auxiliary operation at the University of Washington. The primary source of funding comes from the housing programs. "With much emphasis placed on the business of running a successful housing operation, it was imperative that the University have a web-based, self-service application where students can apply for housing, make deposits or payments, select the room and roommates they prefer, and get rapid information," stated Karen Yuhas, Assistant Director of Information Technology for Housing and Food Services. "Our evaluation team had three primary criteria when choosing the new housing system: a flexible and extensible system, reliability and performance of the product, and a knowledgeable and responsive vendor." Ms. Yuhas went on to state that "this is a mission-critical project, and we needed a partner, so to speak, that we were certain would help us choreograph success." About The CBORD Group, Inc. The CBORD Group, Inc., founded in 1975, serves the campus-wide needs of

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