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ZyQuest Awarded Web Development Project

De Pere, WI – Information technology consulting company ZyQuest has been awarded a major Web development project by Grede Foundries, Inc., a Milwaukee-based manufacturing company specializing in ferrous metal castings.

The project will be using Java and Websphere tools to build the infrastructure for Grede's price management system. The new system, according to Len Janke, Director of Business Engineering for Grede, will improve the company's pricing capabilities, reduce efforts to maintain pricing, allow greater flexibility for customer pricings, and provide more analysis tools for comparing product pricing with costs.

With plants in Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Kansas, Indiana, and South Carolina, and a joint venture plant in Mexico, Grede Foundries, Inc. supplies cast products to industries in the United States and abroad. Grede's largest customers are in the automotive, agricultural, and construction industries. In addition to cast products, Grede provides an array of services, including design assistance, machining, sub-assembly, and custom packaging.

Janke explained that outsourcing the price management project makes sense from both a time and talent perspective. Contracting with an outside developer allows Grede personnel the time they need to get up to speed and gain expertise with new technologies. ZyQuest was awarded the project because of its past performance in assessing Grede's price management system, experience in architecting Web-based systems, and its demonstrated ability to manage a project off site, Janke commented.

Margery Blondin, Director of ZyQuest's Development and Project Office, noted that the ability to develop and manage IT projects remotely is a key aspect of ZyQuest's business strategy and a real asset to companies lacking in-house technical skills or infrastructure for sophisticated computer, especially Web-based, development.

The ZyQuest team plans to implement Grede's new price management system in July. ZyQuest president Al Zeise noted that several developers have been added to the ZyQuest team for the Grede project.

ZyQuest, Inc. is a full-service information technology consulting company based in Northeast Wisconsin.
