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System i Price Reductions, etc.

IBM announced System i price reductions, including up to \$50k on an Enterprise Edition 550, up to \$100k on an Enterprise Edition 570 and \$60k off each 16-way processor book of a 595.

A new System i 520 Collaboration Edition was announced which provides a cost-effective alternative to running collaboration applications on Windows servers.

Also announced was the availability of the integration with BladeCenter and System x which was previously announced as a Product Preview.

[Announcement letter 306-107](#) and [106-107](#)

IP Telephony and PHP Solutions Available



First-ever IP Telephony solution on System i5

3Com, a leading provider of secure, converged voice and data networking solutions, is announcing an IP Telephony solution that runs on Linux. What is IP telephony? It is technology that sends voice communication over data networks using Internet Protocol (IP) in contrast to traditional phone systems where data and voice networks are totally separate. Customers can enjoy benefits expected from System i5 and open standards applied to IP telephony to lower telephony costs and enhance productivity on one easy-to-manage system.

[Click here for more information](#)

Zend and System i5

Zend is the leading supplier of PHP, the world's most popular Web scripting language. IBM is partnering with Zend to bring a robust, certified PHP development and deployment environment to i5/OS. This capability will provide an easy, cost-effective and rapid way to deploy Web applications. PHP for i5/OS will make available thousands of existing PHP-based applications and open up a pool of millions of skilled Web developers who are already familiar with PHP to give you more choices and flexibility.

[Click here for more information](#)

Promotions

AS/400 to System i5 Trade-in Promotion

You can receive a credit by trading in an AS/400 or iSeries server and acquiring an eligible new System i5 Model 520 Enterprise Edition. Credit will be up to \$70,000 if installed before **June 30, 2006** or up to \$60,000 if installed before **September, 30, 2006**.

For details see: [Announcement Letter 306-097](#)

System i5 520 Express and Value Edition Disk Drive, Turbo and Accelerator Feature Promotion

Customers who acquire certain configurations of a System i 520 Express or Value Edition and return a qualifying AS/400 or iSeries server can receive two 35.16gb 15k rpm disk drives at no additional charge. In addition, if they purchase a Turbo feature or accelerator feature, they can receive a rebate of \$4,000.

For details see your IBM business partner.

WebFacing Deployment Tool with HATS Technology Promotion

The price for selected eligible new IBM WebFacing Deployment Tool with HATS Technology (WDHT) licenses for the IBM System i5 have been reduced by 60%.

For details see: [Announcement Letter 306-085](#)

System i5 Rebate Offering for Global Independent Software Vendor (ISV) Solutions

You can receive a rebate up to \$136,000 if you acquire an ISV solution and an eligible new System i5 server or upgrade. Qualifying ISV solutions include CMS Software, International Business Systems (IBS), Infor Global Business Solutions, Intenia, Lawson, Manhattan Associates, Oracle, SAP, SSA, and Vormittag Associates, Inc. (VAI). For details see: [Announcement Letter 306-053](#) and [306-108](#).

IBM ServerProven Rebate

You can receive a rebate up to \$68,000 if you acquire a qualifying new ServerProven Solution that includes an eligible new IBM System i5 or model conversion and an eligible ServerProven software solution. There are over 1,000 ServerProven Solutions to choose from. Check the list to see if your application qualifies.

For details see: [Announcement Letter 306-054](#) and [306-109](#).

Academic Initiative for System i5



Have you heard your HR department complain that it's tough to find experienced System i5 people to fill vacant positions? Does it seem like colleges just aren't emphasizing the System i5 and its technologies? Well, IBM has a new Academic Initiative for System i5 program in place to help link together colleges and universities with the IBM corporate community and provide them with resources to help train students on System i5. There are currently over 270 colleges and universities across North America participating.

The Academic Initiative assists with the following:

- Sponsorship -- System i5 Business Partners, customers, user groups can help sponsor a school.
- System i5 hardware and software support -- Schools receive curriculum, discounted hardware, training, consulting services, access to support, etc.
- Faculty education -- Educators can attend an annual conference to discuss iSeries curricula, System i5 Summer School, and receive limited scholarships to COMMON.

Read more about this program at: [IBM Academic Initiative for System i5](http://www-03.ibm.com/press/us/en/pressrelease/19267.wss) and a press release about the University of Nebraska and how they plan to become a hub for IBM OnDemand Systems. <http://www-03.ibm.com/press/us/en/pressrelease/19267.wss>

Electronic Software Delivery Available Soon

Electronic Software Delivery allows you to download software products for your System i5 as soon as your software order has been processed. You do not have to wait for your software to be delivered on CD-ROMs. You get optical images that are bit-for-bit copies of the CD-ROMs that you can download to a System i5 or a PC. You may burn the images to CD-ROMs for installation, or install the optical images directly onto your system.

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WebFacing Deployment Tool with HATS Technology (WDHT)

WDHT is a new offering for the System i marketplace that leverages the capabilities of both the IBM WebFacing Tool and Host Access Transformation Services (HATS) in one integrated, modernized solution. The elimination of OLTP requirements for HATS and the new pricing options for WDHT make this new offering much more cost effective. Customers have the source-based conversion capabilities of WebFacing and the "on-the-fly" conversion of 5250 applications or system screens in WebFaced applications.

[Click here for more information](#)

Western Area 2Q06 iSeries Events:

System i5 Planning for Continuous Availability Seminar

May 16 or May 17, Dallas, TX
Contact pjkazar@us.ibm.com to enroll

High Availability CIO Fly-in

May 18, Raleigh, NC
June 13, Tucson, AZ

For more information, go to:

<http://www.ibm.com/servers/eserver/briefingcenter/rbc>
and your iSeries representative to enroll.

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for World customers

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June 22 - 23, Rochester, MN

for EnterpriseOne customers
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Retail Solutions: Technology Innovation that Matters	Mar 2, 2006	REDP-4087-00
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PCI and PCI-X Placement Rules for IBM System i5, eServer i5, ... with i5/OS V5R4 and V5R3	Mar. 29, 2006	REDP-4011-02
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