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Iowa Solutions is looking to add a couple new clients and we'd like to ask you for a referral or some guidance on who we should talk to. Who do you know that could benefit from the services we offer at Iowa Solutions? Do you know of an organization looking for a good technology company? Send a quick email to Support@IowaSolutions.com and we'll contact them right away!

In the News

Instead of being a front-page news story; a concerning issue rarely discussed is **“Corporate Over-Charging”**. A perfect example of this occurred last week between a co-worker, a neighbor, and a service company. My co-worker; a five year subscriber to Cable-TV was discussing the high prices of his monthly bill with his neighbor. He learned his neighbor had the same package which he signed up with over a year ago and it was \$40 less per month. Upon calling the Cable-TV service, he was informed that even though the service is considerably cheaper now, he was already a subscriber; so they were unable to lower his bill. Is this illegal? NO; but we see similar examples of this Over Charging with our customers and their Telephone & Internet Services all the time.

Have you reviewed your Telephone & Internet Services lately? If you are paying multiple providers or the total combined monthly expenses for phone lines, long-distance, and internet is greater than \$500 then chances are you're paying too much and may even have less functionality than other small businesses. Contact Randy Sieren at our office directly (319.310.6805) for a FREE quick & easy quote on the same services you have today; just at a lower price, and with greater functionality!

Technology Spotlight

Should I upgrade to Windows VISTA? If you visit www.microsoft.com and search for “Vista Upgrade Advisor” you will find a link to a downloadable web application which identifies whether your computer meets the specifications to run Microsoft's latest operating system. Or you can simply check out our Tips:

- ✓ **PC Requirements:** Although your PC may meet the minimum requirements you will not be happy with the system. Basically if your PC is 2 years old or newer you are 95% in the clear with the exception of probably adding more memory. We recommend 2GB of memory (1GB is the bare minimum we suggest to run a Vista system)
- ✓ **Software Concerns:** The most common problems when upgrading to Vista are software driven. Printer Drivers are still being written for older printers and may not be available yet for your model (check the manufacturers website prior to upgrading). Also many software packages work with Vista but may require upgrades/patches or even major version changes (which can become quite costly).
- ✓ **Hardware Concerns:** Besides memory, video cards may not have the correct settings for dual monitors or won't support one of the coolest features of Vista (Aero).
- ✓ **Different Versions:** Key differences of the 4 available operating systems
 - Home Basic: Very stripped down - NOT for businesses
 - Home Premium: Includes Media Center and Aero desktop
 - Business: No Media Center, but has Remote Access *Best Value*
 - Ultimate: Business, Windows Media Center, and BitLocker (better security)

So; “Should I upgrade to Windows Vista?” I strongly recommend consulting a technology company like ourselves to help you in making this decision for your business. But, I hope this information has helped your understanding of Vista regarding the upgrade of your Home PC. Imagine walking into Best Buy and knowing more than the kid behind the counter (A pretty good feeling...huh!) Remember to double-check the items above; and you are well on your way to a newly upgraded computer!